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of  
McDonald County,  
**MISSOURI,**

From the Earliest Settlement  
To the Present Time.

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## PREFACE.

IN presenting this little volume to the public, I do so with the hope that it will impart much interesting and valuable information that could be collected and preserved alone by the historian. The work was begun more than three years ago and the task, though arduous, has been a pleasant one. One who has not experienced it would not imagine the time and labor required, and the difficulties one encounters in preparing even a small book like this.

The archives of the county have been searched and carefully compared, newspaper files for many years back have been gone over, and persons from all parts of the county have been interviewed and their statements compared. The traditionary matters are not the statements of one or two alone, but usually the corroboration of many. In fact no pains have been spared to make it reliable. Perhaps much of interest has been omitted, but it would be impossible to procure or publish all.

There may be an occasional mistake, a few grammatical and typographical errors such as are liable to occur in all printed matter, but any intelligent reader will readily understand

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the meaning and overlook the defects.

The price of the book (\$2,00) may seem large for such a small book, but the sale is necessarily limited, and those now contracted will bring a very small return for the time, labor and cash expended. The somewhat irregular arrangement is caused by delay in procuring the matter. This is especially true of the biographies.

I wish to tender my thanks to the newspapers for their favorable notices, the many old citizens for the information they have freely given, and to those who have rendered substantial aid by subscribing for the book and taking biographical space. Trusting the work may meet with general approval, and that those who purchase or read it will ever remember me kindly, it is submitted for your perusal.

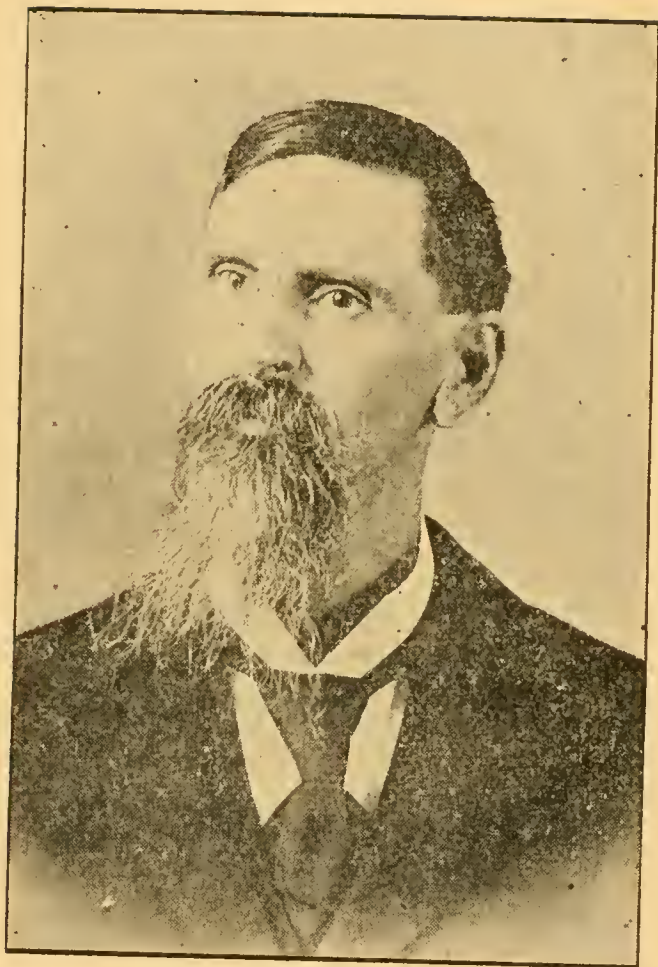
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## SKETCH OF MY LIFE.

I was born in McCoupin county, Illinois, August 26, 1850. My father, now of Moline, Kansas, was a native of Connecticut, but when he was an infant his parents moved to Ohio. My mother, Nancy Ann Sturges, was a daughter of Richard and Celia Chapman, who emigrated from North Carolina to Ill. in 1818. When I was about seven years old my father bought land in Montgomery county and improved a farm, and that was my home until 1875. We had about 400 acres in cultivation, and I know what farm life is. After securing a fair education, I read law with R. McWilliams, at Litchfield, Ill., and was admitted by the Supreme Court of that state in January, 1876. The following spring I located at Litchfield where I remained one year. I won my first case in the circuit court, also in the supreme court, for which I received a fee of \$100.

In 1877 I went to Kansas, where I lived four years. While there I procured the incorporation and drafted the first ordinances of the City of Pittsburg, and served as City Attorney one year. I came to McDonald county Dec. 10, 1881, and have tried to farm, taught school, practiced law and published a newspaper ever since. Was a Republican until 1882, when I allied myself with the Democratic party, which I supported until 1894, except the county ticket in 1890. In 1894 I returned to the Republican party. Was presiding judge of this county from 1887—90.

February 17, 1876, I was married to Miss Inez E. Cheney, of Litchfield, Ill., who was born in Vermont, but came with her parents, Zerra and Mary Jane Cheney, to Illinois when a small child. We have three boys—Harry, Isaac and Albert, dead, and two girls—Claudia and Josephine, and one boy—Daniel Richard (Dick), living.







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# HISTORY OF McDONALD COUNTY.

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## CHAPTER I.

### LOCATION AND TOPOGRAPHY.

McDONALD COUNTY is situated in the extreme southwest corner of the state, having the Indian Territory for its western boundary and Arkansas for its southern. Newton county lies north, and Barry, east. In addition to the magnetic variation, the west line of the state bears west which makes the county three-fourths of a mile wider at the south side than at the north. The south line bears north of east, making the county narrower at the east side than at the west. The actual dimensions of the county within a few rods from north to south is, at the west end 18 1-2 miles; at the east end 17 1-4 miles. From east to west, on the north line it is 30 3-4 miles, and 30 miles on the south. It, therefore contains about 550 square miles. The general altitude above the sea level is about 1100 feet. The surveys of the county show that from the water level in the streams to the summit of the

highest hills is 365 feet. This elevation is reached either by gradual ascent from the mouth to the source of the water courses, or by an abrupt rise, in places being almost perpendicular.

It has been quite a difficult task to ascertain the origin of the name, but all the old settlers state that the county was named after an officer in the Revolutionary War. Dr. Duval and W. C. Price think he was one of Marion's men.

The surface of the county is quite diversified. In the northwest corner, or nearly so, a point of Swors Prairie projects into this county, there being perhaps 300 acres of prairie land this side of the Newton county line. There is, also, a small body of prairie land near the northeast corner of the county, called Mitchells prairie, from a family of that name who settled there in the early days. White Rock prairie is a small body of prairie land in White Rock township. It derives its name from the white, chalky appearance of the stone which is found there in large quantities. In the southwest part of the county, the Cow-skin prairie extends some five miles square, and contains some very fine farms.

Between the various valleys and streams are uplands covered with all varieties of timber grown in this part of the state. These uplands are, usually, comparatively level, and are called Flat Woods. This name was applied by the

southern people who settled here in the early days, and signifies "barrens". Until within the last few years they were supposed to be worthless but are now being rapidly put into cultivation, and have proved to be quite productive. Many of the best farms in the county are now on this "barren" land. Along the valleys pertaining to all the streams the bottom lands are generally fertile, and produce all kinds of crops in abundance. The soil in all parts of the county is much more productive than it appears to be to one who is not acquainted with it. Clover grows rankly on the hill sides and uplands that appear to be covered with nothing but gravel. Blue grass does quite well when it is once set, but it is difficult to get it started. Orchard and other grasses where tried, have generally proven a success, but up to the present writing the experiments have not been very extensive. Fruit trees grow rapidly and come early into bearing, while small fruits of almost every variety scarcely ever fail, and are of the finest quality and flavor.

Between the valleys and water courses and the uplands, are usually ranges of hills. They are generally steep, high, and often rise in perpendicular cliffs. These abrupt hills and hollows are called brakes, and are generally worthless except for the timber and for range, or pastures.



These brakes are not confined to any locality, but are contiguous to all the streams. The largest bluffs are found along the river where in places they rise perpendicularly several hundred feet, and form some of the grandest scenery in the Great Southwest. Along the southern border of the county the surface is generally broken, and in the southeast part the hills rise almost to the magnitude of mountains. The valleys and coves in this broken part of the county are, however, exceptionally rich, and contain many fine farms and prosperous inhabitants.

#### WATER COURSES.

Beginning in the northwest part of the county, the first stream of note is Buffalo creek, which enters the county on the north line about five and one-half miles from the northwest corner and bears south and west, passing into the Indian Territory near Tiff City. It is a beautiful stream of water fed by springs, and along its bottoms are some of the richest farms in the county. It was named many years before a white man ever thought of settling on its banks. I have not been able to learn his name nor the date in which he made his journey, but have been reliably informed that the name Buffalo, was given this creek by the first Catholic Missionary that ever visited the Indians of this part



of America. During his journey considerable heavy rain fell and the creek, as well as the river rose until it was past fording, and the party was obliged to go into camp between the two streams until the water ran down. While thus delayed a buffalo cow was killed by one of the party and the robe, or skin, was preserved. From this event the missionary gave the name Buffalo to the creek and Cow Skin to the river. A very pretty origin for the names of two of the most noted streams in our county.

Next south of this is Patterson creek, named from John Patterson, an old bachelor who settled on the creek about the year 1833. The creek rises about two miles west of the town of Anderson and runs principally west, passing into the Territory about a mile south of Tiff City.

South Indian creek takes its source at a large spring in the town of Rocky Comfort and runs south of west for some ten or twelve miles where it connects with the main creek which has its source in Newton county, and enters McDonald county about twelve miles from the northeast corner. The main creek flows south and west from where it enters this county, and empties into Elk river just above the old town site of Rutledge. This is one of the most beautiful of streams; throughout its entire length the rich bottom lands, fine farms, herds of all kinds of

stock and comfortable, home-like houses and barns, impress one with the belief that he is in one of the favored spots of the earth. Many years ago, in the earliest settlement of this part of Missouri there was an Indian camp on this creek just about where it now crosses the north line of this county. The name was given it from this Indian camp.

East of this, and still in the northern part of the county are the North and South Elk Horn. These two streams each rise from springs and are fed by the same means. The Valleys are narrow but very productive, and many nice farms are found along these two streams.

Many of the older inhabitants do not remember the origin of the name, but I have been able to glean the information that it was formerly the grazing and stamping ground for herds of elk, and the name was given on account of finding horns of these animals along the two streams. Mr. John Roseberry, now deceased, more than sixty years ago found an immense set of elk horns in that vicinity. He was a large, tall man, but the horns were so large that when the tips were placed on the ground he could stand straight under the crown. This may seem somewhat incredible, but it is vouched for by so many reputable citizens that it is given as an absolute fact.

In connection with this part of the county we have gleaned the following little romance which we give as a beautiful illustration of the dusky heroes and lovers of long ago. Perhaps it will be of sufficient interest to pardon the digression.

#### THE STORY

Long before there were any white settlers in any of the south western counties of Missouri a band of Indians used to make their annual hunting expeditions through this country. One of their regular camps was on Indian creek near the north line of this county. From this camp they would scour the country for miles around in search of game. Among this tribe was a young warrior who had long, in vain, sought to gain the love of a dusky maid who proved adverse to all his entreaties. One evening after his proffered love had again been rejected, in his loneliness and despair, he went out in the stillness of the night and, gazing on the stars that twinkled so brightly, as if in mockery of his anguish, he breathed a prayer to the Great Spirit to make him worthy of the maiden and to enable him to gain her love. At length, worn out by his melancholy vigils, he wrapped himself in his robes and laid down to pursue in his troubled dreams the thoughts that would not leave his mind either awake or asleep.

The next morning he started out on his usual

hunting trip, and during the day visited the locality where a herd of elk were known to use. Being unsuccessful in his search for game, he wandered around until late in the afternoon, tired and thirsty, he concluded to go to the big spring at the head of North Elk Horn, and spend the night there alone. As he came near the place he heard the scream of a woman and the angry snort of an elk. Rushing down the hill at lightning speed, he saw a large male elk just as it struck the maid, and heard a stifled groan as she rolled on the ground and was trampled beneath the feet of the enraged animal. One twang of his bow sent an arrow on its death-dealing mission; an instant his hunting knife gleamed in the sun, then sank deep in the side of the animal, which rolled over and died. The warrior gathered the insensible form of the girl in his arms, and as he looked in her face beheld the object of his affections. He carried her to the spring, bathed her in the cool water and in a few moments she revived. Her injuries were not serious, and for many long and happy years that elk's horns stood over the door of their wigwam, the grandest of all his trophies. Ever after that spring was called the Elk's Horn, and the name was eventually extended to the two beautiful streams.

Kings creek rises south of the center of Richwood township and runs principally south and



empties into Big Sugar creek in center township 2 miles below Powell. It was named from John B. King the first settler. He was a lawyer, saw mill man and figured quite prominently in the Pine War which occurred in the early settlement of the county.

Mike creek rises in Richwood township near the Barry county line, and runs south and west, emptying into Big Sugar creek about one mile above the mouth of Kings creek. The name was given from the first settler on that stream, Philip Michael, who located on the farm now owned by Henry Green Fox, in the year 1857.

Big Sugar creek has its source in Benton Co., Ark., and, enters this county in Mountain township near the southeast corner, runs north and principally west to the town of Pineville where it unites with Little Sugar and forms Elk, or Cowskin river. Little Sugar rises in Benton county, Ark., enters this county at Caverna in White Rock township, and runs west and north until it makes the connection above mentioned.

The two streams derive their names from the quantities of sugar maples that formely grew in great numbers along their bottoms. There used to be a number of sugar tree orchards on these two creeks, and the early settlers were abundantly supplied with maple syrup and sugar.

Little Missouri is the name of a stream that

has its source in White Rock township, runs nearly west and empties into Little Sugar creek.

Mill creek lies in the southern part of Pineville township and connects with the river just above the town of Noel. It derives its name from a saw mill erected near its mouth by Moses Martin about 1835. It was operated by horse power, and afterward a pair of corn burrs were added. South and southwest of this is Butler creek which empties into the river just below the town of Noel. The upper part of this stream is called Deer creek; so called from the numerous herds of deer found there in early days. Butler creek was named from Chas. Butler who settled at the place now owned by Chas. Heath about the year 1840.

Elk River, also called Cowskin, is formed, as stated, by the junction of the two Sugar creeks at the town of Pineville, and flows principally west, meandering north and south at various parts. From Rutledge it flows nearly south about three miles, then bears north until it crosses the state line and enters the Territory about two miles north of the parallel on which it starts; thence westwardly until it empties into Grand river in the Indian Territory. This stream was declared navigable by act of Congress many years ago, but it has never been practical for that purpose, there being too many narrow and



shallow places. The valley or bottom is from one-half to two miles wide and the soil is very rich. Many large and productive farms are along its banks and the owners are counted way up in the thousands in wealth.

Honey creek rises in Arkansas, runs across the corner of the county, passing through Southwest City and into the Territory.

There are various other small streams and valleys along which are found many productive farms, but the above are the principal water courses worthy of note.

These streams are all fed by springs, and the water is usually cold. One peculiarity of the smaller water courses is that they become "lost" or run under ground much of the way. At one point the water will be running like a mill race, perhaps fifty yards below the bed will be perfectly dry, then again the water comes to the surface going with a rush until it again rises and so on until it reaches a larger body.

## CHAPTER II.

## EARLY SETTLEMENT.

THE early settlers of McDonald county, like those of all other localities, located along the creeks and river bottoms. Here were abundant springs of pure, cold water, the streams were alive with fish and an abundance of game ranged near these water courses. The soil was extremely fertile, producing almost miraculous crops of all grains and vegetables, while the uplands called "barrens" or "flat woods", were considered almost worthless for agricultural purposes.

Filled with a restless desire for pioneer life, the inhabitants of other states began to settle in these lonely valleys soon after the state was admitted into the Union. Here, in the solitude of the forests, with only the breezes whistling in the trees, the rippling of the water or the cries of wild animals and birds to wake the stillness, these men made their homes. Here many, many miles from any town or post office they reared their families, and here some of them have long ago found their narrow homes. The first settler within the present boundary of this county of which we have been able to learn was

Valentine, commonly called Telty, Miller, and wife Katy (Workman) and only son, Levi, who settled in Elk river bottom on what is now Known as the Peck farm, in Elk River township, in 1827. He brought a copper still with him from North Carolina and for a while manufactured whisky. He also ran a set of burrs for grinding corn. His machinery was operated by water power. In a few years his temporary cabin was replaced by a more comfortable log house which, though sadly dilapidated, is still standing. Some fifteen years afterward they buried their only son on the bank of the river, and in a few days departed for California where the old people died.

About 1830 a family by the name of Friend is said to have settled on what is now the Langly farm on Elk river.

Abram, Elisha and Jacob Testerman, came in 1833, and settled on Elk River. Four years later (1837) Abram Testerman and Margery Buzzard were married and settled on Indian creek about one fourth of a mile below where the town of Lanagan is now located. This is said to be the first marriage in this county.

During the early thirties R. Lauderdale, P. Williams, Blevius, Mathews and a few other families, in all about forty persons, settled in this county. Lauderdale afterwards settled on

Indian creek on the place now occupied by Bob Lauderdale. Some of the others settled on Indian creek and the rest in the vicinity of the present site of Pineville.

Among the other early settlers in this part of the county were Hugh L. Testerman, who came here in September, 1839 and is still living a quarter of a mile east of Pineville on the farm he has owned for more than half a century. A family by the name of Nicely settled on the river below Pineville about 1840, two Noel families and George Mosier, near the same time. About this time it appears that Augustus Friend owned the Marshall farm, which he sold to Jacob Wallace in 1842. Mrs. Wallace afterward sold to Marshall.

Hamilton Moffett and family, also his two married sons, Elam and William, with their families settled on Indian Creek and near the mouth of Elk Horn in 1840. Elam Moffett, father of J. H. Moffett who now resides in Pineville, settled the place known as the old Moffett farm at the mouth of South Elk Horn. It is now owned by Elihu Hendry. Prior to their advent into this county, Jonathan Blair a Presbyterian minister had settled a short distance below the Elam Moffett place, and also owned the present site of McNatt's mills. He operated a small mill at that point in the latter part of the 30 s and



early 40's. John and Jim Mayfield and Bill Cleveland lived on Indian creek near Erie prior to 1839. Sometime in the 30's John Hearrell lived on Big Sugar creek six miles northeast of Pineville. Dr. Clark Wallace is also among the settlers prior to 1840, and Joel Meador, who still lives on Indian creek.

Among the others who located in this county prior to 1840 are found the names of James W. Tatum, Eligah Witten, and Pleasant Smith. Mr. Tatum still lives on Beaver valley one half mile above the town of Anderson.

The above comprises the principal part of those who came to this county prior to 1840-2, and settled within the present limits of Anderson Erie, Elk River and Pineville townships. I have had to rely wholly on the memory of the older settlers for this information, which is substantially correct, although the names of a few may have been overlooked or forgotten.

The early settlements in the other parts of the county will be given by the municipal townships.

## CHAPTER III.

## COUNTY ORGANIZATION.

Prior to 1833 Crawford county embraced all of Southwest Missouri. In that year Green county was organized and for two years Springfield was the county seat of the present area of McDonald county.

In 1835 Barry county was established which included all of the territory which is now Barry, McDonald, Newton, Jasper, Lawrence, Barton, Dade, and part of Cedar counties. After considerable strife over the location of the county seat, the town of Mount Pleasant was established and the county seat located there. It was about one and one-half miles west of the present site of Pierce City. In connection with this place we give the following interesting reminiscence which was published in the Newton County News in July 1896:

“Away back in the thirties Newton, as well as a number of other counties, was a part of Barry county and the county seat of Barry was Mt. Pleasant and was located about one and one-half miles west of Pierce City. The court house was built of logs. A fine spring was one of the at-



tractions of this county seat. Barry county then embraced the large territory of what is now Barry Lawrence, Newton and McDonald counties, and a part or all of Jasper county. Capt. Ritchey, of Ritchey was born in that county seat and his father, the late Judge Ritchey, was elected constable the same day on the Democratic ticket. Newton county was cut off from Barry in 1837 and since that time McDonald county has been formed from part of Newton. The farm on which Mt. Pleasant was located was settled by an old gentleman known as Uncle Sampson Lanna. After Barry county had been divided up into other counties Mt. Pleasant was no more a county seat, and a man by the name of Wilds purchased the farm in 1870 and intended to build a castle above the spring, but through some misfortune he committed suicide and the castle was never built. Nothing remains now of the once county seat except the spring, which continues to furnish its pure beverage as when in days of yore the county officers quenched their thirst at its fountain. The train passes just by the old county seat spot now, but nothing can be seen but a big field of waving corn and shocks of wheat."

The first session of the county court was held at Mount pleasant, February 16, 1835, and Barry county was divided into townships. Nearly all of the present limits of this county, also the

southwest part of Newton county was designated as Elk River township. It was bounded as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of the State thence north on the line between Missouri and the Indian Territory to the divide between Lost creek and Elk River, thence east on said divide to the line between Ranges 30 and 31, thence south to the State line, thence west on Arkansas line to the corner stone between Missouri and Arkansas. The remainder of this county, a strip eight and one-half miles wide off the east end, was included in Indian creek township, which also, embraced a considerable part of the present limits of Barry county. Thus we see that Elk River township has the distinction, by several years, of being the oldest township in the county. This section of country, however remained but a short time subject to the jurisdiction of Barry county. By an act of the State Legislature, December 31, 1838, Newton county was established, and McDonald became a part of that county. The boundary of Newton county extended two and one-half miles further east than our present line between this county and Barry, that is to the southwest corner of section 26. T. 21. R. 29 thence north, instead of the center of section 33 as it now is. The north line was fixed on the section lines running due west to the Nation line from the intersection of the four corn-

ers of sections 13, 14, 23, 24 T. 28, R. 29, making the new county about 46 miles from north to south and about 33 miles from east to west.

Pursuant to the report of the commissioners and the order of the county court, the town of Neosho was laid out in November, 1839 and the county seat established at that place. For the next decade this was a part of Newton county.

An act was passed March 3, 1849 providing for the establishment of McDonald county, and the organization was completed under that act, but was attached to Newton county for the purpose of electing a representative until 1857.

Considerable trouble was experienced in establishing the county seat, a more extended account of which will be given in the history of the towns. The commissioners to select a county seat were James Mayfield, Oliver Hickox and Joseph Pearson, of Newton county. They met at the house of J. C. McKay, which stood near the confluence of the two Sugar creeks, and his residence was designated as temporary court house. An election was called which resulted in the selection of Rutledge as the county seat where it remained until permanently located at Pineville in 1857. During this contention between the two rival towns two sets of officers were claiming title and rival courts were carried on, one at Pineville, the other at Rutledge.



The first election resulted in the selection of Murphy Brown of Rocky Comfort, John Oliver and Abram Testerman as county judges, Burton McGhee, clerk, A. A. Hensley, sheriff and Tilotson Pearson treasurer. These officers organized court at Rutledge in 1849, but Brown refused to take part in the transactions being of the opinion that the court should be held at Pineville. J. K. Mosier, William Duval, Jr., and Benjamin Cooper organized court at Pineville, which was then called Maryville. John B. King served as clerk, A. D. Flinn, sheriff and collector, and J. J. Hackney, treasurer. Court was held at J. C. McKay's residence, above mentioned. Little but trouble and confusion resulted from these rival courts and officers and many of the people refused to pay taxes until the dispute was finally settled a few years later. The transactions of the Pineville court were generally ignored, but according to the statement of some of the old residents, a few of the warrants were paid several years later. The circuit courts were held regularly at Rutledge.

The first set of county judges were succeeded by A. Z. Holcomb and William Moffett, Testerman succeeding himself. Moffett served two terms. Joshua Wimpey, also, served as judge about this time, but I have not been able to get the names of any others.

McDonald county was attached to Newton county for legislative purposes until 1856. In that year an election was held and Thomas Jones was elected as the first member of the House of Representatives from McDonald county. Burton McGhee was his opponent in the race. Jones died at Jefferson City the next year and Smith Elkins was elected to fill the vacancy.

In 1858 Smith Elkins was a candidate for reelection, his competitors for legislative honors being Dr. Wm. C. Duval, Claudius B. Walker and Moses Pollard. The first three were Democrats and Pollard a Know Nothing. Dr. Duval was elected by forty-five plurality. In 1860 he was again elected by a majority of 145, his opponent being James A. Scott. The doctor threw all of his influence while in the legislature against secession until May 10, 1861, when he followed the majority of his party in casting their lot with the Southern Confederacy. He attended the legislature in their assembly at Neosho and took part in the proceedings, but was never connected with the Southern army except as a surgeon.

Burton McGhee served as clerk until 1854 when he was succeeded by A. A. Hensley, who was reelected in 1858 and held the office until the county government was suspended by the Civil War. Hensley was sheriff and collector



between 1849 and 1854. W. C. Price served one or two terms, about this time, and Demps Lauderdale occupied the office when the war broke out. He became a Captain in the Confederate army and died during the war of consumption. Joseph Hackney, Sr., was treasurer at Pineville, and Tillotson Pearson, at Rutledge. J. P. LaMance held the office one or two terms before the war.

From the entries made immediately after the war, and from the statements of the older inhabitants, it appears that the county was divided into seven municipal townships, as follows: Buffalo, Cooper, Elk River, Pineville, Richwood, Rutledge, White Rock. It is not possible to get the metes and bouuds of the old divisions, but from the best information Buffalo was located somewhat as at present occupying the northwest corner of the county, Cooper embraced the southwest corner. Elk River and Rutledge covered substantially the present limits of Elk River, Mc Millin and Prairie; Pineville, the central part, Richwood the northwest, and White Rock was practically as at present.

This closes the history of our county up to the beginning of the Civil War, and contains as complete a list of the county officers and the leading events as it is possible to obtain. In 1863 the court house was burnt and nearly all the rec-

ords destroyed, so that the chief source of information is that derived from the old settlers who located here years before the war, and on whose memory those old days and scenes of long ago are indelibly impressed. In a few years more those old residents will have passed away and their descendants will turn with pride to the works of history that have collated and preserved for all future time these interesting reminiscences of men and times long past.

The people who had located here were generally from the south, more being from Tennessee than any other one state, and had brought with them the manners and customs peculiar to those localities. They lived in primitive style, compared to the present, and were nearly self-sustaining. A cook stove was a rare exception, nearly every one cooking by the fire place and oven. This, by the way, was not so inconvenient as might be imagined. Many a delicious "pone", rare venison saddle and luscious gobbler has been cooked in this way, and the smell that ascended to heaven was enough to tempt the appetites of the gods.

A sewing machine had never been heard of, while the clank of the loom and humming of the wheel furnished music almost as sweet, and more homelike, than our present organs and pianos. The oldfashioned linchpin wagons, with

the box shaped like a canoe, many with wooden spindles, could be heard for miles as they groaned and screamed over the rocky roads. They raised their own cotton and wool, spun and wove it into cloth and made their own garments. The latter was the women's work. Of course every family cultivated enough tobacco for home consumption. Wheat and corn were produced and, as we have seen, there were a number of mills to do the grinding. Distilleries were quite numerous and manufactured the pure and unadulterated corn juice at twenty-five cents a gallon. The good people, both saints and sinners, could take their corn to the still and lay in a good supply of the great household panacea without a cent of cash. One didn't have to get "sick" and tell a lie and sign his name to it, then get a doctor to tell one and sign his name to it in order to get a drink of a decoction miscalled whisky. No, he just followed the injunction of St. Paul, and took a little for his stomach's sake, and his oft infirmities, and of a quality that would have met the approval of that learned apostle. In this new country subject to chills and malaria, and the scarcity of doctors and drugs, no doubt this pure liquor drove disease and death from many a home.

Hogs and cattle could be raised with very little feed, the former being frequently butchered



directly from the mast, while deer, turkey and other game were found in abundance. As to shoes, every neighborhood had a tannery and every man was a shoemaker. One man told me that his father said his store bill before the war did not average more than five dollars a year. His family was quite large, and they lived comfortably. Instead of doing without, they simply produced what was required. It is by no means intended to convey the idea that all the people were poor or lived so plainly. Many families were quite aristocratic, had well furnished houses, and gold watches and jewelry were worn quite extensively. Several parties owned slaves and carried on quite extensive plantations. Almost any McDonald county farmer, along in the fifties could raise a hundred dollars any day, and real estate mortgages were unknown. People were honest in their dealings and paid their debts, and the latch string to every cabin hung on the outside. People were hospitable, extremely so. Partly because it was born and bred in them, partly because, being isolated, and the settlements scarce and far between, it was regarded as a treat to have a neighbor or stranger stop to dinner or over night. The familiar "Halloa, stranger, git down an' hitch yer hoss, and come in 'n stay all night. The ole woman 'l have supper drecly. Boys, take the

critter and feed it," has greeted the ears of many a weary traveler, and he would rest as secure as tho' guarded by a regiment of soldiers. Those are days to be remembered with pleasure; A bright period in the history of our county.

But the question is asked, how did they make any money? As before stated, there were but few families in the county, and their farms were very productive. The range was exceedingly fine, and all kinds of stock could be raised with little or no outlay. A farmer could gather up his hogs and cattle in the spring after the grass was good, and drive them to St. Louis. There was range all the way and it mattered little that it took a long time to make the journey. What his produce brought was clear profit. He frequently returned with several hundred dollars. Horses were raised and taken directly to the southern market where they would bring from \$75 to \$100. Thus an industrious man could soon acquire quite a snug sum of money.



## CHAPTER IV.

## ORGANIZATION AFTER THE WAR.

From 1861 to 1865 no elections were held in McDonald county. In 1864 the vote for this county was cast at Newtonia. Burton McGhee was elected member of the legislature and 26 votes were cast for Fletcher for governor. Soon after the war the county government was again resumed, the officers being appointed by the governor. Benjamin F. Hopkins, Enoch G. Williams and Isaac A. Harmon were appointed judges, John V. Hargrove, sheriff; J. P. Lammance, treasurer. The first meeting of this court was November 6, 1866. On the next day, November 7, Henry H. Fox was appointed assessor of the county, and Hugh L. Testerman, coroner. On Nov. 8, Daniel Harmon was appointed public administrator; A. W. Chenoweth, county treasurer; Abner M. Tatum school commissioner; John M. Boyd, road commissioner. At this term of court, the following Justices of the peace were appointed: E. G. Williams, Pineville township; D. C. Hopkins, Elk River township; T. R. Hopkins and Thomas Davenport White Rock township. In December following D. C. Fox was appointed Justice of the peace for

Buffalo township, David Davenport, for White Rock, Jehu Jones for Rutledge township. In February 1866 Ransom Plumlee was appointed justice for Richwood township, and John F. Lewis for Elk Horn. I. N. Williams was appointed treasurer. At this time the county court had jurisdiction of probate matters and the principal part of the records of the court pertain to affairs of administration, appointment of officers and locating roads.

At this time the office of public administrator was certainly a lucrative one as the records show that in 1866 he had charge of the following estates: Samuel R. Cotter, John Stearns, James Williams, Benjamin Gooden, George W. Martin, Anderson Carter, Tierney J. Cook, G. C. Culp, Solomon Lankford, David Brock, William Burgess, Basil Lewis, Nathaniel Meador, Samuel B. Keeler, John D. Hendry, William G. Morris, Martin Stafford, Harrison Ray, Robert Walker, Hugh Carroll, Alfred Martin, Mrs. Delilah McGhee, D. Y. Lauderdale, Joseph Morrow, Jacob Carter, James T. Davenport, G. W. Nutting, W. Hamblin, John M. Harmon, Wilson Gonce, S. H. Carroll, J. B. King, Smith Elkins, Thomas Woolsey, H. Carroll, Moses Pendergraft J. T. Haskins, R. F. Walker, Samuel B. Keele, Sr., James, N. Appleby, John H. Hastings, John D. Henry, Francis A. Carter, J. W. Cole, J.

Wimpey, William Skinner, Matilda Mitchell, John Hevalison, Carroll Kirk, U. S. Young, Sr., and Samuel Brown. It appears from the records that Benjamin Ross was public administrator previous to the appointment of Daniel Harmon, but how or when he became possessed of that office there is no record to show.

In the records of the county court, May 8, 1866 is the following order: Ordered by the court that municipal townships of this county be and are bounded as follows: All territory included in ranges 29 and 30 shall constitute a municipal township and be known as Fox township. Also, all territory included in ranges 31 and 32 shall constitute a municipal township known as Pineville township. Also, all territory included in ranges 33 and 34 which shall be known as Elk township.

The next order following establishes the voting places in each of the three townships respectively at the residence of H. H. Fox, in Fox township at Pineville, in Pineville township and at the residence of B. F. Hopkins in Elk township. It was also ordered that each justice of the peace be furnished with a copy of the order giving metes and bounds of their respective townships. Why this arrangement was effected and what disposition was made of the various Justices of the Peace does not appear. It evidently did not



give satisfaction as in the following August and November various changes were made and several precincts established, a more full account of which will be given in the chapter on townships.

Among the interesting orders made about this time were those to cancel notes given for loans of the various public funds. One signed by A. S. McGhee, dated September, 1854, for \$185.98; One signed by T. A. B. Pearson and Joseph Pearson May 17, 1854 for \$100; one by M. A. Laughlin, Aug. 11, 1857 for \$50. These notes were canceled by reason of their being void by limitation.

Warrants were drawn on the county treasurer in 1866-7 to pay for wolf scalps, at the rate of one dollar each scalp, to Gilbert Bolen, E. F. Burns, Eleven Caulk, William Mooney, Isaac Martin and Wyatt Edmonds. The party producing the scalp was required to prove that the wolf had been killed within the borders of the county, to entitle him to the bounty.

#### ALLOTING JUSTICES.

There are numerous orders on record during this time making the appointment for allotting justices for the various townships. As this practice has long since become obsolete, it will likely be an item of interest as well as curiosity to know what an allotting justice was. Under the road

laws in those days an overseer was appointed by the county court for a certain road or, in more thickly settled counties, for a road district. This county being very sparsely settled, the overseers were appointed for a certain road designated in the order of appointment. In each township one of the justices of the peace was appointed by the county court to allot, or parcel out, the road hands in his township and designate under what road overseer they should work. This was called the allotting justice. He also had jurisdiction over cases where parties failed or refused to work their time.



## CHAPTER V.

## TOWNSHIPS.

ANDERSON township was established by order of the county court at the March term 1896. The voting place was established at the town of Anderson, from which the township derived its name. The K. C. P. & G. R. R. enters this township near the northeast corner, runs entirely through and passes out on the south line a little west of the center. Beaver valley also enters near the northeast corner and empties into Indian creek just below the town of Anderson. The above-named stream meanders through the southern part of the township. The first settlement was mentioned in the chapter on Early Settlement. The principal place is Anderson, a nice little town, and one of the best trading points in the county. On Indian creek and the adjacent valleys are many fine farms and prosperous families. The township was taken from Buffalo, McMillin, Pineville and Erie townships and contains about 35 sections of land.

BUFFALO township lies in the northwest corner of the county. It derives its name from Buffalo creek which runs through it, entering some four miles from the northeast corner and bear-

ing southwesterly passes the south line some two miles from the southwest corner. This township seems to have been organized before the war, but the boundary was not as at present. The county court records also show that the township was organized May 3, 1871. This was evidently but a re-arrangement of the township with regard to the voting precinct, which for a short time included all the western portion of the county embraced in ranges 33 & 34. There was a voting place on Beeman valley before the war. The present voting place is at May.

The early settlements in this township were confined to Buffalo creek including Sugar Fork, and Beeman hollow. Campbell Price, father to our "Uncle Billy", came to this county about the year, 1836. He left Tennessee in 1829. Stopped in Arkansas one year, then moved to Spring river where he remained a few years, then settled on Buffalo creek. Daniel McRae came about the same time. James Woldon settled on Sugar Fork about 1837. James Beeman settled on the old Owens farm, at the mouth of Beeman hollow between 1837 and 1840. The Dobbsses, Benagee Brown, James Crabtree, Richard and Simeon Price, George Nutting, M. Burns, Henry Barlow and a few other families were located here prior to or just after 1840.

Hart and May are the two post offices and

trading points, each having a small country store. Formerly all the settlements were along the bottoms and valleys. On Buffalo are some very fine farms, those of W. C. Price, R. Harrington, H. D. Roark, Martha Owens and Samuel Ledford being among the best. W. C. Roark, deceased, settled in Roark valley along in the fifties and made a good farm, where he reared a highly respected family. In late years the Flat Woods are being put into cultivation, and are proving quite productive.

CENTER township was named from the central location it occupies on the east side of the county. It was organized pursuant to an order of the county court, May 9, 1872. Big Sugar creek, Mikes creek, Trent creek and Little Missouri are the principal streams. The voting place is at Powell, which is, also, the principal trading point.

This township was established, with several others, May 9, 1872. There had been a voting place in that part of the county for many years before that time. Once it was at the residence of Henry H. Fox, and at another time at a log school house near Powell; also at Yonce's store. This part of the county was known as Cooper township for a while, then was designated Fox township.

The early settlers began to locate here about

the time settlements were made in other parts of the county. M. A. Laughlin, J. S. Laughlin, Jubal Duwees, Billy Offield and Whittenburg settled on Big Sugar about 1834. Phillip Michael from whom that stream is named, settled on Mike creek in the early thirties. John Stafford, father of Claib Stafford, came from Tennessee in 1836, and settled on Mike creek. He afterward improved the place where J. H. Cowan now lives, where he died about 1856. Of four children but one, Claib, now lives in this county; he still occupies part of the old homestead. Thomas Ethridge lived on Mike creek when Stafford came here in 1836. Snyder lived where Powell now is. John Trent settled on Trent creek about this time, and the families of J. Dotson Billy Carnott and Barney Bixbey located about this time or soon after. John Puckett and son Jim came soon afterward. The Coopers came in the early forties and put up a mill at Powell on the place now owned by Mac Harper. L. Sherlock ran a distillery near there about 1838 and later.

This township is five miles north and south by seven and one-half miles east and west, and contains 37 1-2 sections of land. The valleys are extremely fertile and contain many productive farms. The uplands are considerably broken but of late years are being put into cultivation and produce small grains, grass and fruits abund-



antly.

CYCLONE Township was established by order of the county court at the June term 1896. It was named from Cyclone post office, at which the voting place was established. Big Sugar creek is the only stream of any importance in this township. J. A. Foster has a small stock of goods at this place and a grist and saw mill is in operation. There were but few settlements made in the present limits of this township in the early days, most of them being above or below. A man by the name of Tyner is said to have located on the farm now owned by John Millison, in the early thirties. John Heraldson settled just north of the Billy Warren farm about 1838, and Levi Click, on the Barney Turner place in 1840. John Ferguson is said to have settled on Big Sugar prior to 1840, John Stafford, who formerly lived in Center, and a few other families lived here when the war broke out. They, however, left the county during that troublesome period and, a number of the old settlers say, that John C. Hampton was the only man living within the present limits of this township when the war closed.

The surface of this township is similar to Center, many productive farms being found in the valleys and creek bottom. It is six miles east and west, and five miles north and south,



containing thirty sections of land.

Samuel Claiborn, who formerly lived on the Ab Johnson farm, was a prominent character of this vicinity for several years before the war. His true name was Sams, but many years before, he had killed a man in Tennessee, and changed his name in order to conceal his identity. He moved from here to Hickory county where he died at the advanced age of 98 years.

ERIE Township was established June 9, 1872. The name is derived from the village of Erie, for many years the principal trading place and only post office in the township. The voting place is at this village. Indian Springs is in the northeast, and Donohue (now called Goodman) is in the northwest part. Indian creek runs almost diagonally through the township from northeast to southwest. Some of the best farms in the county are in this locality, and the McNatt Mills, now operated by F. A. Sears, is noted throughout this part of the state as one of the oldest and best milling properties in the southwest.

In addition to the names of early settlers mentioned in chapter II, the following have been secured: Ira Yates settled on the place now owned by Mr. Dalton sometime in the thirties. John Mayfield informs me that his father located in this county in 1840, instead of prior to that

time as elsewhere stated. He came from Monroe county, Kentucky, and settled on the place which Mr. Mayfield now owns. A man named Kell had settled on the place now owned by George Allman before the Mayfields came. About the same time Harris lived on the John Harmon place at Erie and a family named Antney, on the Ebbinghaus farm. The Lees came about the same time and settled where John Boyd lives. Dan Harmon says that William Cleveland, a half blood Indian was the first settler on Indian creek. He owned a place where Erie now is which he sold to Mark Harmon, who came to this county from Green county Tennessee several years before the war. He, also, informs me that the first school ever taught in Erie township was in a little log house at the mouth of Elk Horn. Moses Pollard was the teacher, having been employed by Mark Harmon, Jonathan Blair and W. C. Duval. A man named William Broadie lived on the Ebbinghaus place prior to the war and owned a few slaves; Jonathan Blair also, was the owner of a negro woman.

ELK HORN township lies in congressional township 23, and includes part of ranges 30 and 31. It was established practically as at present, by order of the county court, May 9, 1872. The name was derived from the two creeks in its western part. Bethpage is the principal trad-

ing point, post office and voting place. Besides the two Elk Horn valleys, there are extensive Flat Woods in this township and a large per cent. of its territory is in improved farms. The land is generally productive and it has appearance of being one of the prosperous sections of the county. According to the order of the court, it is six miles from east to west and seven from north to south, containing forty two sections.

This part of the county was mostly overlooked by the first settlers, there being no large streams as in most of the other townships. There were a few however, who came here in an early day. In 1847 there is said to have been but one house between where McNatt's mill now is and Mitchell's prairie. This was Bullard's, a family of that name having settled on the flat woods prior to that time. Mitchell lived on Mitchell's prairie some time in the early forties, and it may be earlier. The Brocks came in an early day, and there was a small German settlement near the Barringer place along in the forties.

ELK RIVER township lies south of the river in range 33, extending to the Arkansas line. In 1835, when this was a part of Barry county Elk River township comprised the southwest corner. Though changed several times, and given other names, this township dates back to the organization of the county. In its present form it was

established in the reorganization in 1872. It has the distinction of being the place where the first settlement was made in the county, (1828.) This is the first that can be designated, but down near the river near where the John Marshall farm now is, there is an old grave yard, grown up with brush and briars until it is almost impossible to get to it, and in such a secluded place that hundreds of our people do not know it is there. In this abandoned burial place are a number of tomb stones, all made out of native limestone, large, broad stones, nicely dressed. The lettering is almost defaced by time, but one, at least, indicates a death in 1807. Whether a settlement was made there prior to that time I have not been able to ascertain.

Noel is the principal town and is one of the most important railroad points in the county. Elk River, Butler and Mill creeks, are the streams, and some of the finest farms in the county are on the river bottom. The voting place for many years was at the Marshall school house, but in 1896 it was moved to Noel.

MCMILLIN township was named from John McMillin, who lived just above the present site of Coy. It was created by order of the county court, May 9, 1872. Patterson and Buffalo creeks are the principal streams which flow through it while the river forms the southern boundary.



The voting place is at McMillin school house. Tiff City is the principal town.

The settlement of this township dates back to between 1835 and 1840. Abner Sherman, a native of Ohio, located in 1842. David Cummings came out as Missionary for the Indians when they were removed to the Territory, and settled the farm just above where Tiff City now stands. Uncle Andy Smith was a local preacher in 1842, and lived on the place where C. L. Moore and his wife were killed in 1894. Eleven Caulk was among the first settlers on Patterson creek and owned slaves. Finley Lane settled here in 1845. The Ollivers, James Bly, Allen Williams, and several other families settled along the creek in the early forties. W. B. Mitchell came from Tennessee in 1852; Bradford Seabourn in 1858. One of the first establishments of this township was a distillery. Alfred Oliver erected one near where Mathew Kincannon now lives, way back in the early days. The building was of logs and was three and a half stories high. It had an immense brick chimney some sixteen feet square. William Houghton, who afterwards owned the Langley farm on the river, ran a distillery at Enterprise. He also raised horses for the southern market. He would trade twenty gallons of whisky for a pony mare which he would keep for breeding. It is said he raised fine horses

and made quite a fortune. James Bly operated the distillery afterwards. He owned several slaves. Of course it was against the law to sell liquor to Indians then, as it is now, but a profitable business was carried on with them. When a pony or other article, or money was to be exchanged, the property was left at a convenient place where it was taken care of by the distiller. The Indian would then make a search in the woods and "find" a lot of whisky. It was a remarkable coincidence that the value of the property and that of the liquor found was about the same.

Hugh Dunagee ran a tan yard near where the Morrison school house now is. M. Sliger, also, ran a tan yard at the McMillin place. He sold to John McMillin who continued the business until after the war. David Harlin, a part Cherokee, settled the Keenan farm along in the thirties. Mathew Kincannon came out from Tennessee when the Indians were removed, and settled on what is now the Hafford farm. John Walker, in those early days, settled where Henry Manning now lives. A free negro called Free Lewis settled the Morrison farm, where Charley Keenan now lives.

MOUNTAIN Township derives its name from the broken and hilly surface of the country, the hills in places assuming almost the proportion

of mountains. Big Sugar creek is the principal stream.

It was established as a separate township by order of the county court, May 9, 1872. The voting place is at Schell's mill, and the post office there is called Mountain. This is the principal trading point in the township, and considerable business is done here.

The first settlers of which an account could be obtained came in about 1840 or 1841. John Rose, James Boles and a man by the name of Clemons came at that time. Along in the early forties Charley Boles and a family named Moore came. Clemons had a corn cracker at the mouth of Otter creek. In 1846 Henry Schell bought the mill and located there. His son Henry now owns the land. Mrs. Elizabeth Schell, widow of the elder Henry, is now 78 years old, and has a pretty vivid memory of the early days. Her father, Jacob Yocum, settled in Stone county in 1825. For a number of years he paid the Indians an annual rental of thirty bushels of corn for the privilege of living among them. He kept a small farm, and hunted and trapped during the fur season. Ruben Burnett now owns the place settled by James Boles. John Carter owned a negro couple who had three or four children. Henry Schell brought a negro boy to this county with him. He afterwards sold him for \$400,

and deeded his land with the money. On the Berry Moore place is an old orchard that was bearing fruit before the war. Many of the trees were still bearing good fruit a couple of years ago. Phillip Schell states that the people of that township held an election to express their opinion in regard to secession. He states that all except a man named James Guess voted against going with the Confederacy. Guess voted for secession, and went south soon after the war broke out. He soon repudiated his action and went North at the first favorable opportunity. The balance of the citizens of this township, after the war came up, allied themselves with the Confederacy. This township is nearly five and one-half miles square. It contains twenty-five full sections, five half sections on the east side, and five fractional half sections on the Arkansas line.

PINEVILLE township is one of the original divisions having been established when the county was first organized. Pineville, the county seat, is the principal town, while Lanagan, the railroad station, is not far behind in business importance. The two Sugar creeks and Elk river are the principal streams, but there are numerous valleys that contain many productive farms. The history of its first settlement is more fully treated in the early settlement of the



county and in the sketch of the town, and in the chapter on County Organization. Until 1896 it contained much more than at present, but in that year considerable was taken off to form Anderson township, and several sections off the east end to form Cyclone township. This leaves Pineville near the north line instead of practically in the center as before.

This being the county seat and most of the roads in the county leading to it, the people of this township experienced more of the ravages of war than any other portion of the county, detachments from both the Northern and Southern army alternately passing through.

PRAIRIE township occupies the southwest corner of the county. It is named from Cowskin prairie which extends over the greater portion of its surface. Southwest City is the principal town, not only of this township, but of the entire county. Saratoga Springs is a small village near the east side. Honey creek, which runs through the southwest corner is the only stream of any consequence. This township contains quite a body of prairie land and is the most productive of any portion of the county of the same size. The large fields of wheat, corn and other crops that can be seen at a single stretch over the prairie forms a striking contrast to the usual monotony of the timbered

regions.

Until a few years ago the voting place was at a school house on the prairie not far from J. P. Barnwell's, but Southwest City being the trading point for nearly all the people of the township, they petitioned the county court to change it to that place, which was accordingly done.

This part of the county was quite thinly settled until some time in the fifties, when considerable land was entered. A few families settled on Honey creek prior to that time. In June, 1842, Burton McGhee located where Southwest City now is and established a trading point there. About the time the Indians were removed to the Territory, settlements were started at various points along the state line some two or three of which were within the present limits of this township. After McGhee put up his store people settled near there, and Southwest soon became a point of considerable importance. W. Gonce, Jessee Ware, J. P. Maddox, S. J. Hess and Mark Howard located there a few years later. The two Fields families, R. Caldwell, H. Remington, H. D. Budd and John McGhee are mentioned among the early settlers. Robert Shields, a native of Pennsylvania, but later from East Tennessee, came to this county in 1846 and settled on the farm on which his son George R. still lives. S. Briedlove, R. F. Cleve-

land, B. S. Ervin and John Hays all had entered land in the fifties. There were a few settled on the river between 1837 and 1840, but their names have not been ascertained.

RICHWOOD Township is situated in the northeast corner of the county, and is five and one-half miles from east to west, and seven miles from north to south. It was established as a separate township by order of the county court May 9, 1872. The principal town is Rocky Comfort, a nice little village near the northeast corner. One fork of Indian creek takes its rise at a spring in this town and meanders through the north and west part of the township. Mike creek and Kings creek, also rise in this township. The southern part is somewhat broken and hilly, but most of its surface is comparatively level. Although it was not settled to any great extent as early as some other parts of the county, it is now thickly populated and much of it is in a high state of cultivation. The soil is generally productive, especially for small grains, fruit and meadows. There are more orchards here than in any other part of the county except where the Ozark Orchard Company have invested in the last two years.

There appears to have been a few people in this part of the county along in the thirties. A. J. Duncan settled in 1836. There were a few

Indians in the neighborhood as late as 1840. The Lambersons, Christians, T. F. Tomlinson, and a few other families whose names could not be ascertained, were here about the latter forties and early fifties. John Davidson settled in this county in 1853. Mrs. Ford, mother of John A. Ford, located near Rocky Comfort in 1843. Isaac Plumlee settled in this township in 1853.

WHITE ROCK Township was in existence soon after the organization of the county, and the voting place about where it is now. There was a church where Jane now is and one of the first free schools in the county was established there. Milo Martin taught a subscription school there in 1856, having the whole township in which to work, and secured thirty scholars. He organized the school district that fall.

William A. Davenport settled in this township in 1836, on the farm now occupied by Joab Brown. His father, Martin Davenport, came the next year. William DeHaven lived on the Bookout place about that time. There were a few other families whose names have not been learned which came about the same time. William K. Young came to this county in 1848, and he says there were a number of families here then and several more came soon after. When he came a man named Bramlet lived on the Bookout farm, and Jacob Roe lived across the



creek from Elijah Evan's place. Dr. Davenport came in 1853; he practiced medicine here for twenty years. Along in the fifties, J. H. Slinkard, J. W. Brown, Gilbert White, John Coffee, Morgan and several others settled in this locality. Little Sugar creek and Little Missouri are the principal streams; Jane and Caverna are the two villages. The township is six miles square, except the fractional sections on the state line. The surface is generally broken, but the soil is extremely rich and the farms all productive.

## CHAPTER VI.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES.  

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## ANDERSON—BEAVER SPRINGS.

THIS thriving town is located on the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railroad six miles northwest of Pineville, and is one of the leading business points in the county. For many years Beaver Springs, just above the present town site, has been a noted resort of the county for meetings and picnics. The water of the spring flows out from beneath a high stone bluff in a clear, cold stream of the finest quality and in great abundance. A nice grove in the valley near the spring added to the attraction and made it one of the loveliest places for many miles around. Many years before the war the Beaver Springs Missionary Baptist Association built a log church at this place. During the war it was burnt down. Another log church was built about 1867. This served as a place of worship until about the year 1884 when the present frame structure was erect-

ed. Robert Anderson located there in 1887 and started a little country store and the post office was established that year, named Anderson. S. T. Bennett ran a saw mill here about the same time. When the railroad was built and a station established the place at once sprang into importance. The town of Anderson was surveyed and platted by M. E. Meador, April 8, 1891. In the following August, S. T. Bennett had Bennett's Addition to the town of Anderson laid off. Several good business houses and neat residences have been built and a vast amount of trade has been attracted to the town by the enterprise of its people.

### BUFFALO CITY.

John and William Pogue dug a well on their fathers farm on Buffalo creek, the place now owned by Royal Harrington, and had a town surveyed and platted in August, 1881. There never was any foundation for the pretention of medical properties for this water and no one ever put any faith in the town or its founders. A little stock of goods was kept there a short time, but the land was again fenced into the farm after a couple of years and Buffalo City put back into cultivation.

## BANNOCK.

THIS was formerly a small village on Buffalo creek some mile or two above the state line. Jim and Lee Skinner built a mill here some years before the war which was burnt during that unpleasant period. Hiram Young rebuilt it and for some time had an upright saw for the purpose of making lumber. In late years W. G. Smith kept a stock of general merchandise and George Hurley had a drug store. The old mill was replaced several years ago by one with good sets of corn and wheat burrs and did quite an extensive business until the roller process came into general use. The mill is still operated, but all other business has long since been abandoned or moved away. Bill Roberts, who once kept a store there gave it the name, but I have not been able to find any one who knows from what it is derived.

## CAVERNA.

Caverna is located near the Arkansas line on Little Sugar creek, and has a water mill and store. This has been a mill site for the last fifty years or more. The water power is fine and capable of running more than ten times the machinery it now operates. Should a rail road ever be built through that part of the county it is liable to become a flourishing little town. The



post office was established here about 1867. There are numerous caves in this vicinity, some quite extensive, and the name was derived from them.

### COY.

Coy is now a post office and small trading point on Patterson creek just below the widow Mc-Millin farm. Along about 1883 Sterling Mitchell, son of W. B. Mitchell went to Texas and there married a young lady of considerable fortune. Young Mitchell, with his new bride, came back to McDonald county when he conceived the idea of building a mill and laying out a town at the upper end of his father's farm. He soon had the enterprise under headway and the mill was soon running. Mitchell, however, soon sold out and went back to Texas. The mill changed hands a few times, when it was purchased by T. H. Wimpey and George McCoy, who operated it successfully for several years, doing a general merchant and custom business and running a saw mill in connection. T. H. Wimpey, Frank Beeman, Howard Langley and W. G. Smith were among those who kept stores there. In 1896 the mill was moved to Tiff City, but a saw mill was soon located on the old site. The store for the past year or two has been run by John and Dallas Seabourn and Wm. Cunningham. McCoy sold

his interest in the mill a few years ago and has been farming since.

### CRYSTAL SPRINGS.

ABOUT the time of the excitement over Medical Water, an effort was made to build up a health resort at Crystal spring about two miles north of Pineville. J. P. LaMance was one of the leading men in the enterprise. A company was formed and an assessment was made in August 1881 for the purpose of building a hotel. Nothing was done beyond the erection of one or two small buildings, and the project was soon abandoned.

### CYCLONE.

CYCLONE is the name given to a small trading point on Big Sugar creek about eight miles above Pineville. It has a water mill and a general store. J. A. Foster keeps the store and has charge of the post office which was established in 1883.

### DONOHUE—GOODMAN.

WHEN the rail road was built through this county in 1890, a small station has established in the northwest part of Erie township. This went under the name of Erie Station, and New

Erie, but was finally named Wade, in honor of W. H. Wade, then member of Congress from this district. It was not a very desirable location and, beyond a few small dwellings and two or three little business houses, never made much growth. When the railroad passed into the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf Company, the town of Donohue was laid out and a good depot built there. It is quite a point for shipping timber for the lead and coal mines.

#### ELK MILLS.

IN ante bellum days Elk Mills promised to be the leading town of the county. Situated on the Elk River near the Nation line, surrounded by the broad river bottom farms and in close proximity to the fertile valleys of Patterson and Buffalo creeks with the rich prairies within a couple of miles, its inhabitants might well look forward to a bright future. Besides, the water facilities here are most excellent and easily utilized. As long ago as the early 50's there was a good big grist mill here, and in 1856 there was a hotel, kept by L. Richtus. Aron Scritchfield was black smith. W. H. Sorrels kept a drug store. E. S. Lindsey, W. N. Manter and Jameson and Manter each kept stocks of general merchandise. Several other families, among whom was Dr. Trader, lived there, The mill was burnt during

the war, and the town gradually fell into decay, until now there are but a few old ruins left to mark the spot where it once stood.

#### ENTERPRISE.

This town was located on the farm now occupied by the widow Keenan on Patterson creek. It sprung up when the Indians were first removed to the Indian Territory and up to the war was a trading point of considerable importance. Jim Bly kept a store and the post office. William Bly, who married a Cherokee in Georgia had a steam distillery. John Patterson built the mill there which afterwards belonged to Caulk. A part Cherokee named David Harlin, at one time owned the distillery. He sat out twenty-five acres in peach trees for the purpose of raising fruit to make peach brandy. Samuel Lane, of Roan county Tennessee, was the blacksmith until 1846, when he died. There were thirty or forty houses in the village, and about two hundred inhabitants.

#### ERIE.

The first post office was established at Erie in 1851, at the residence of John M. Harmon. It remained there until Mr. Harmon's death in 1862. The office was discontinued until 1868 when it was re-established. This same year the town



of Erie was laid off at the instance of Dan Harmon, he being the owner of the land. Since that time it has been a small trading point, there being usually one or two stores. The best business house ever built there was a one story brick put up by Dan Harmon about 1890 or 1891. It was burnt with the entire contents, a stock of general merchandise owned by Charlie Harmon, on the night of March 12, 1895. This proved a severe loss to the worthy young man, who was at the time dangerously ill with pneumonia, and the place has never regained its former business prosperity. This village is situated in a fertile part of the county, which is inhabited by an intelligent, thrifty and agreeable set of people.

#### GATES—MAY.

THIS was a post office at the forks of Buffalo creek and Sugar Fork, established a few years after the first settlement in that vicinity. It was on the route from Neosho to Maysville. Richard Price was post master for several years before the war. Along in the eighties, while W. T. Child held the position, he resigned, and the office was discontinued for a while. Dr. Maynard located there, put up a small store and the office was revived under the name of May. Gates was so called from General Gates, and May from the first syllable of the doctor's name, or that of his

daughter May.

### HART

PRIOR to 1840, the northwest part of Buffalo township was very sparsely settled. The road from Seneca to Southwest City left the state line near the Newton county line and swung out into the Nation for some three or four miles. The Flat Woods between Buffalo creek and the state line was almost an unbroken forest. In 1883 Phillip Rinehart interested the neighbors in cutting a road straight through thus enabling travelers to cut off the bend into the Nation. The post offices for the community were Seneca or Tiff City, each about seven miles distant. The writer presented a petition to the county court to establish the public road as made by Mr. Rinehart and the same year made application to establish a post office on the route. This application was endorsed by W. T. Child, P. M. at Gates, and in a short time an order was received to select as short and convenient a name as possible. Mr. or Mrs Child suggested Hart, the last syllable of Mr. Rinehart's name, and in a few weeks we were getting our mail daily almost at our doors. Mr. Rinehart served for some time, then the office was moved from his house to Chandler's mill. Tom Cummings built the house now occupied by William Spraggins

and for a while the office was kept at his house. About 1885, C. Tucker bought out Cummings, and put up a neat store building and a nice stock of goods. He soon built up a good trade and for a few years did well. Since that time Hart has been a considerable trading point as well as post office.

### INDIAN SPRINGS.

AMONG the traditions of the Indians who formerly inhabited this section of country, was one of the healing qualities of the springs near Indian creek. The first white men to visit the country were told of them, but the Indians could never be induced to reveal their location. The older settlers who claim to be posted in the lore of the community, say that a man named Friend, one of the first settlers on Indian creek, made a search for the springs and found the famous Four Great Medical Springs. One of his family being severely afflicted with rheumatism the water was used and a cure speedily effected. Mrs. Carroll used the water about 1840, and a most remarkable cure was the result. There being but few people in the country, and the means of spreading news meager, the medicinal properties seem to have been forgotten and the use of the water discontinued until 1880. About this time J. J. McNatt and a few others took an

interest in the springs and arrangements were made to more thoroughly test the medical properties of the water. The result proving satisfactory, a village was laid out July 7, 1881. R. W. Williams, Robert Anderson and John Barlow were the trustees, and T. J. Golden, treasurer. In seven days two hundred lots were sold and twenty buildings erected. The town enjoyed a lively boom, people flocking in from all directions. The growth was so rapid that in August of the same year, McNatt laid out an addition to the town, Williams & Tennison another; Williams & McNatt a third, and in March, 1882, Boyden a fourth. When at its best the population was estimated at near 2000. The four springs were nicely improved with walls fencing, pipes, etc., bath houses built, substantial business houses erected, and the little city had every appearance of permanence. A handsome City Park was reserved, a rostrum and band stand erected, and here for several years were held picnics, public meetings celebrations, etc., where large crowds always assembled to enjoy the hospitality of the people of the famous Indian Medical Springs.

Among the prominent men whose names appear in connection with the place at that time are: W. E. Smith, Scott Ferris, W. J. Adkins, J. B. Barlow P. M. Fink, L. C. Brown, Edward



Bogard and James C. Cole, city attorney.

One part of the city was named College Hill and on this was built a handsome two-story school house 36x56 feet being for many years the best school building in the county. A handsome hotel called the Planter's was built there, and for some time did a good business. It is the largest and best arranged hotel building ever erected in McDonald county.

But the fates were against Indian Springs and the boom soon bursted. The town gradually fell into decay. Many buildings were moved away; some were destroyed by fire, while others were left vacant until destroyed by the ravages of time.

In 1887 Dr. J. C. PeTit, of Joplin rented the hotel and undertook to establish a printing office and infirmary. He advertised quite extensively, and for a while there was hopes of reviving the fortunes of the town. But this enterprise failed, and now but little is left of the once famous town. P. M. Fink has a neat stock of general merchandise and also runs the hotel. Robert Duffield has a small general stock.

The following taken from the history of McDonald county published in 1888, is a beautiful description of the lake and its surroundings. The steam boat has since been sold and the grand excursions numbered with the pleasures that went with the passing of the city:

“At the foot of the hill some 100 yards from the town is lake Mc Natt, a beautiful body of water, formed by the dam across Indian creek, and is about three miles in length by half a mile wide, its waters as clear as crystal and varying in depth from five to fifteen feet, its banks diversified with beautiful valleys, wooded hills and rocky cliffs, whose tops, in places, project for many feet over the water and are reflected in its clear depths. On this lake has been built a beautiful little side-wheel steam boat capable of seating about seventy-five persons, and nothing is more enjoyable than a ride around the lake on this boat, giving one a fine view of the wooded hills and rocky cliffs on one side, and the fertile valleys and cultivated fields on the other, and at the foot of the lake the mill, with its whirr and bustle and busy scenes of active life, reminding us that we are not wholly segregated from the great work-day world about us. Nowhere in all the great Southwest can there be found within the same radius a more beautiful or picturesque region than that immediately surrounding this place.”

#### LANAGAN.

In 1886 Dr. Fausett in the employment of a Pennsylvania Oil company bored down to a depth of 844 feet where he struck a strong vein of white

sulphur water which flows with great force. It is located on a high bank of Indian creek and is surrounded by various other springs. The oil project was abandoned, but M. R. DeGroff, I. D. Galbraith T. C. Lanagan and others purchased the land and, when the railroad was built, conceived the idea of building a town. It was called Sulphur Well City. But little was done with it until the railroad, or Ozark Orchard Company secured the most of the land when a depot was built and the place named Lanagan. The well has been sealed up, all but a small stream and the water conducted to a tank and fountain near the depot. This fountain is quite a novel sight and is admired by the many hundreds of people who stop at this station on their way up and down the road. This artesian well flows with sufficient force and volume to supply a good big town, while its medical qualities are nowhere surpassed in the Great Southwest. A beautiful park with numerous sprays and fountains and lakes could easily be made here supplied by this "natural water works" and Lanagan be made one of the most attractive of health resorts.

At present it is a prosperous little village with three stores, two hotels a new church and school house, and is doing a large timber business. C. Lewis & Son for several years have kept a large stock of goods here, run a saw mill and done per-

haps the largest business of any one firm in the county.

### NOEL.

For many years T. A. Marshall kept a store on his farm in Elk River township, but when the railroad was built the town of Noel was platted and he moved his business to that place. There has never been any effort to boom this town, but it has had a steady and permanent growth. One of the best business houses in the county is at Noel. It is a substantial one story stone containing four large rooms, Two are occupied by Marshall, Tatum & Co., one by Dr. Beeson's drug store, the other by Charles Gratz, hardware. There are several other small stores in town. C. E. Davis has just completed a handsome hotel building. The O'Jo Club House, which stands on the promontory between Butler creek and the river is a handsome place. The grain elevator, draws much important business and, in connection with the stock yards, makes Noel the most important shipping point in the county for grain and live stock.

This town is noted for the beauty of its location, the style and neatness of its dwellings and its water facilities for fishing, bathing and boating.



## PINEVILLE.

On the 11th day of June, 1847, the present site of Pineville was surveyed for Samuel Burke, who then owned the land. Nine blocks were laid out, the center one being reserved for a public square. On this the first court house was built a few years later. The new town was named Maryville, in honor of Mrs. Mary Mosier, wife of J. K. Mosier.

At this time Newton county embraced all of the territory now included in McDonald county and the records of the location of Maryville are on file in that county. Incident to the contest over the county seat that came up soon afterward; also partly owing to the fact that the pine forests reached almost to the borders of the town, and considerable pine lumber was sawed there, the name was changed to Pineville, a few years after its first survey. Another reason given for the change of name is that there was another Maryville in this state.

When the act of March 3, 1849, passed the legislature providing for the organization of McDonald county, the commissioners were appointed and ordered to meet at Pineville. But the little town of Rutledge became a contestant for the county seat, and a county seat war was at once precipitated. After a three days

election Rutledge won by a small majority, and that place became the seat of justice until it was finally relocated at Pineville in 1857. J. K. Mosier and John B. King were among the leading spirits in favor of Pineville, and Joseph Pearson and Burton McGhee, in favor of Rutledge.

The contest spread from the rival towns until it became a struggle between the two ends of the county. During this time considerable ill feelings were engendered, and several fist and skull fights occurred between members of the two factions. Propositions were bandied back and forth to meet at the ford of the river and "fight the battle of Beuna Vista" over again, and let the result settle the matter. But this was done rather in a spirit of humor or bravado.

In the History of this county published in 1888 is the following account: "The row over the county seat in 1849 resulted in the murder of Colpin Goss by Simon Cockerill, David Finch, by Hamp Walters, and in old man Finch stabbing Walters at the same time, from the effects of which he died some time later."

Dr W. C. Duval, then a practicing physician at Rutledge and an eye witness of the killing of Copeland, not Coplin, Goss says it was done in a drunken row, and that both parties were west

end men. Several parties were drunk and were urging Goss onto Cockerill. The Dr. got between them and for some time kept them apart, but his efforts to make peace between the two parties was thwarted by some one catching him from behind and pulling him out of the way. At the same instant Goss was pushed onto Cockerill, who at once fired his pistol, the ball passing through Goss' heart. The Dr. also states that the Finch and Walters murders arose from a similiar spree.

The west end of the county contained the largest population, consequently were able to out vote the east end, but in 1857, an act of the legislature was procured providing for the location of the county seat within a certain distance of the center of the county.

This left Rutledge out of consideration, and Pineville, being the only point available, was selected as the permanent county seat. At this time the name Maryvill was changed to Pineville. The town was located in the northwest quarter of section 34, township 22, range 32, J. K. Mosier donated seventeen and one-half acres, Henry Miller twenty acres, John B. King fifteen acres, and A. A. Hensley ten acres. The commissioners who relocated the county seat where, Lyman Beeman, Moses Shelton and William McClure. They performed this important piece of business, the first Monday in January, 1858.

The records of their transaction, and all subsequent conveyances, were destroyed during the Civil War, and a suit to establish the title to those lands was afterwards instituted in the circuit court, and a decree rendered to that effect.

That the people of the new county seat had confidence in its future is evidenced by the price of the lots which were sold March 22, 1857. William Southward purchased Lot 1, Block 42, for \$100.25. Thomas H. Howeth purchased Lot 1, Block 49 for \$101. Willis R. Cox purchased Lot 3, Block 40 for \$100.10. John Carroll purchased Lot 3, Block 32 for \$100. D. T. Lauderdale and I. I. Hackney purchased Lot 4 Block 42 for \$100. Richard Kelley purchased Lot 4, Block 32 for \$100. Thomas P. Bradley purchased Lot 2, Block 23 for \$50. Various other lots were purchased at the same sale, the lowest price being two lots for \$45. One-fourth of the money was paid in cash.

About the month of August, 1858, Thomas H. Howeth assigned his interest in Lot 1, Block 49 to W. C. Duval, and in January 1859 J. P. LaMance bought the interest of William Southward to Lot 1, Block 42. Smith Elkins was the first County Seat Commissioner for the sale of lots. He was succeeded by G. C. Culp. It appears that all the lots were sold except the court house square and half the jail lot.



The first buildings erected at this place were of logs, John Starns having built the first house in what is now the southwest part of town. A log house was soon after put up just back of where Walter's store now is. It was used for a saloon. The old Pineville hotel, which was torn down in 1894, was built a few years before the war. Among the few Ante-Bellum houses that are still standing are: The brick hotel now occupied by John Ware. It was then known as the Russell House and was operated by Colonel Russell; the dwelling now owned by Joseph W. Kelley, which was then occupied by Dr. A. W. Chenoweth; the residence now owned by J. H. Moffett, and the house now owned by Mrs. Bradley. In 1858 Claudius B. Walker built a two-story frame hotel near where the south end of Farmer & Son's store now is. This was burnt by bushwhackers during the war.

Among the business men in Pineville prior to 1861 were J. C. Baber, who located here in 1858. From that time to 1891 he was one of the leading men of the town and county, J. P. LaMance was then a merchant doing business at the northwest corner of the square where Noel & Chenoweth's hardware now is. Samuel Carroll had a grocery store on the lots now occupied by J. K. Maxfield's building. Samuel K. Cotter was doing business where Farmer's store now is.

David Payne and John Goodrich were the lawyers. W. C. Duval and A. W. Chenoweth were the doctors.

The first court house was a one-story frame, built on the lots now occupied by Bradley's livery stable. This was used until the brick court house was completed on the site of the present one, about the beginning of the war. The old court house was on the same plan as the present one, but was three stories, the upper one having been built by the Free Masons. It is said, however, that it was never occupied by them. In August or September, 1863 a raid was made on the town by a band of bushwhackers and the court house, with all the records there, was set fire to and burnt.

A few of the papers and records had been carried away by A. A. Hensley, the clerk, but the larger portion had been stored away in the attic. M. N. LaMance, who witnessed the burning, states that he saw the records fall from the attic into the fire below.

During the war the town suffered to some extent from the ravages incident to the conflict, but since that time it has built up slowly, but gradually and at the present time has a number of good residences and substantial brick business houses.

In November, 1872, two-thirds of the taxpay-

ers petitioned the county court to incorporate the town, which was accordingly done, and R. L. Hargrove, J. C. Baber, Z. Smith, J. P. LaMance and Isam Williams were appointed a board of trustees. The organization proved ineffective and too expensive for so small a place and was soon abandoned. It was again incorporated in 1895, A. C. Walters, J. H. Moffett, A. K. Maxfield, Dr. J. C. Farmer, M. N. LaMance, being appointed trustees; A. V. Manning City Attorney. The organization is still in force.

Pineville has not suffered much loss by fire, except during the war. However, March 19, 1879, a fire broke out in Farmer & Chenoweth's drug store that destroyed all the business houses on the west side of the square north of where LaMance's brick now stands. Besides Farmer & Chenoweth's store, Malin's drug store, Brown's dry goods store, J. W. Warmack's grocery store and the News printing office were burnt. The origin of the fire is not definitely known, but it was supposed to have been the work of an incendiary, instigated by a spirit of revenge against Dr. Chenoweth on account of his persistent fight against the liquor traffic.

There was no church building at Pineville in the earlier days, but the Methodist held services in a store building on Main street somewhere in the vicinity of the site of the Pineville, or Wilson,

hotel. This old building has long since been torn down or otherwise destroyed. In 1868, the old Methodist church was erected which served until 1896, when the present handsome structure was erected, and the old one torn down and the lumber used in building a neat Parsonage.

The present Babtist church, which is a neat and commodious building, was erected in 1888.

The first public school at this place was established a few years before the war. A frame school house was built in the northeast part of town near where Julian Lamb or Mrs. Morrison now lives. School was held for a while in the old frame court house, but whether before or after the war I have not been able to ascertain. The old brick school house was built sometime in the seventies. The present two-story brick was erected in 1894, at a cost of \$2,500.

#### POWELL.

POWELL has been a central point for that part of the county since the first settlement. A small grist mill and a distillery were the first enterprises started, which were operated until about 1861. Since the war there has been a store most of the time. The post office was established a few years after the war. G. W. Howard now keeps the store, and there are one or two blacksmith shops.



## ROCKY COMFORT.

ROCKY COMFORT is a nice little town in the northeast corner of the county, and has a population of between 200 and 300 people. It can boast of as fine a set of citizens as can be found in the great Southwest. They have a handsome school house, good churches, and almost all branches of business are represented. It is located in the heart of a rich agricultural country which is settled by a thrifty class of people.

The first part of the name was given from the ground being originally covered with rocks on the hill sides, while the beautiful valley with the spring of cold water suggested the name of Comfort. The euphony of the name can not be fully realized until one has seen the place and been an eye witness to its appropriateness. There were a few families at this place as early as 1850, and a few houses are still standing that were built before the war. The post office was established in 1865 or 1866. Before that time the people got their mail at Hazle Bottom in Barry county, where a post office was established about 1845.

## RUTLEDGE.

The first county seat of McDonald county was at Rutledge on Elk River just below the mouth

of Indian creek. It bears the distinction of having beaten Pineville for the county seat in three separate election. The town dates back to 1849. Dr. Duval located at this place when he first came to the county. Pearson kept a hotel. Wear & Farmer were merchants in the early day, afterwards selling to J. P. LaMance. Richard Kelley kept a saloon. There were, perhaps, many good people in the vicinity, but, "The evil that men do live after them," so it seems to be with this little town. It was here that a drunken mob pushed Copeland Goss onto Simon Cockerill, causing him to be shot through the heart. Here Hamp Walters killed Daniel Finch by stabbing him from the rear with a long, murderous bowie knife. It is related that one night A. A. Hensley, Adam Mosier and others, while on a spree, threw down the old log court house. The removal of the county seat left nothing of the town but the name. Since the building of the railroad a switch has been placed there and one or two small stores have been in operation most of the time. The place is now called Madge.

#### SARATOGA SPRINGS.

IN one of the abrupt hollows, or brakes, that make down from the level lands near the edge of Cow Skin Prairie, in Prairie township, is one

of the finest springs of water in this famous country of springs. It flows boldly from the side of the bluff some thirty or forty feet above the bottom of the hill in a stream some three or four inches in diameter. At the top of the hill, some two hundred yards away, on a nice, level tract of land, part timber and part prairie, was laid out the town of Saratoga Springs. The original town was surveyed in October, 1880, for Bullock, Wisdom & Cox. Bullock & Wisdom's first addition, Bullock & Whitney's second addition, and Colvin & Baker's addition were all laid out in November, 1881.

This was one of the Medical Springs towns and for a year or two promised to be a place of some importance. It had the prettiest location and most abundant water supply of all the medical towns. Several good business houses and many neat dwellings were erected. A good school was maintained, and a newspaper flourished in its palmiest days. But the pride of her glory has long since departed; the bloom of her beauty faded slowly away, and there is now only a few families, a post office and a couple of small stores remaining of the once promising little city.

#### SILVER SPRINGS.

WILLIAM AND ARZELIA C. HARNESS conceived an idea that an immense fortune was flowing

away through the waters of a spring on section 6, township 22, range 29, and, in anticipation of the vast treasures of the white metal they expected to gather from the adventure, in August 1881, had the town of Silver Springs surveyed. But the seasons came and went. William's beard grew grizzled, and the cheeks of the fair Arzela lost the pink tint of youth, but adversity flapped her wings over the enterprise, and their bright dreams of stocking legs filled with the shining metal vanished for aye—and the water still trickles through the gravel as of yore.

#### SIMCOE.

THIS is a post office and country store on the line between Elk Horn and Richwood townships about half way between Bethpage and Rocky Comfort. A co-operative store was run here for a while but eventually passed into the hands of private persons. The neighboring farmers who had banked their savings in the enterprise, for a while basked in the sunlight of their day-visions when they were to be bloated bond holders and sport gold-headed canes. But the weird souging of the wind through the bare shelves and the rattle of mice in the empty sugar barrels awoke them from their bright dreams, and a melancholy search was made in the recesses of their jeans for about \$2000 to settle the liabilities.



## SPLITLOG AND THE RAIL ROAD.

McDonald county is not wholly devoid of financial enterprises and the town of Splitlog was the product of a scheme that at the time produced great excitement in our usually quiet community.

About 1880 Dr. Benna, an old California prospector, entered forty acres of land and began prospecting for gold and silver. He was without means, consequently his work progressed slowly. The Dr. in some respects, was a peculiar individual and there is little doubt that he honestly believed there were bodies of the precious metals, could he only find them. He continued his work as best he could for upwards of five years. In the summer of 1886 he succeeded in getting M. W. Clay of Newton county and Smith Nichols of Seneca, interested in the project and they took leases and at once began prospecting. They were apparently more successful than the doctor had been, for they soon took out dirt that on being sent to Chicago made a very encouraging assay. Nichols soon disposed of his interest and Mathias Splitlog a very wealthy Indian was induced to take hold of the enterprise. He put down a number of shafts, built a fine hotel and two or three business houses. The assays continued to be favorable and the

excitement spread. The Neosho Silver Mining Company, The Philadelphia Company, and the St Louis Company took leases or purchased lands. It is claimed that the Philadelphia company paid \$15,000 for the south half section 9, township 23, range 33, a particularly barren and worthless tract of land.

Confident of ultimate success, and that the city which bore his name would soon be the center of a rich mining district, Splitlog conceived the idea of building a railroad to his mines. A company was formed, a charter procured and the road built and equipped from Joplin to Splitlog, the old Indian furnishing most of the money. In the mean time he had sold a tract of land near Wyandott, Kansas, for \$170,000, and most of this he had invested in his "great project."

By this time it had been fully demonstrated that the mines were worthless; the rich quartz was just common McDonald county rock, and a poor quality at that. Splitlog's bank account was about NON EST and the great balloon instead of busting all at once had received a puncture and was dying with a gradual "squizzle."

But there was too much money invested in the rail road to let it be abandoned. Eastern men were induced to take hold of it, and work was begun to extend it both north and south. For a while it was under the management of H W.

Bush, afterwards of John B. Stevenson. The route was changed and Splitlog left a couple of miles off the road. Finally the K. C. P. & G. Co. bought it, and for some years it has been in operation from Kansas City to Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Last year it was pushed on through a portion of the Indian Territory, and is now completed to Pout Arthur, on the Gulf of Mexico. The little road begun by Mathias Splitlog has grown to be one of the most important north and south roads in the United States. He died at his home in the Indian Territory, about two miles below Tiff City, in January, 1897. A post office and small store, with a few families is all there is left of this once promising town.

Mention of this place was overlooked in writing up Buffalo township.

### SOUTHWEST CITY.

THIS is the largest and most important town in McDonald county, and contains many substantial business houses, neat and handsome dwellings, and has a population of some 1,200 people. It is located near the southwest corner of the state, the name being derived from the location. After talking with a number of the old citizens of that place and looking over the situation I have concluded that the following account taken from the history of this county published in

1888 is as correct as it is possible to get:

“The town now known as Southwest City is admirably located on the border of the Indian Territory, and within 6600 feet of the corner stone of Arkansas, Missouri and the Indian country. Within the town, and about it on the north, west and east, crystal springs pour from the hill-sides, while Honey Creek, which runs through the center, is itself a spring stream. North is the celebrated Cow Skin Prairie and the great fields of the Cherokees. Westward is the Indian paradise, and south and southwest is the great pine and hard wood region of the Grand Neosho. Within the last few years social conditions have entirely changed so that now the cattlemen enter town in peace and leave in peace. Even the Indians have realized the change, and conform to it with ease and dignity, giving to the new city some of the old sweetness of the former settlement of Honey Creek.

“J. P. LaMance and Burton McGhee were the first settlers of Southwest City in 1842. In the spring of 1843, Mr. Lamance and his wife moved one-half mile out to Case’s Spring, and took possession of one of Case’s log huts; thence in March, 1843, to the site of what is now Saratoga Springs, where he resided until 1845, when he was appointed government school teacher in the Nation. Burton McGhee opened a tavern there



1842. Adam Cole settled three-fourths of a mile south of McGhee's three or four years later. Case was a horse-trader, who came here to trade with the Indians and found the cabins above named. In one of these cabins Jennie LaMance, who died in her sixteenth year, was born. In 1846 Burton McGhee established his trading house or general store here, and for ten years after that date carried on a large business. In 1856 he sold his stock of goods to J. P. LaMance and returned to his farm on Cow Skin Prairie, where he died.

A part of the McGhee property was sold by the administrator of the estate to J. C. Lamson after the close of the war. In 1870 Mr. Lamson had a town site surveyed here under the name of Southwest City. The LaMance store was continued here until the close of 1861. In 1866 a house was built by Alex Struthers north of what is now the Corum House, and in this building LaMance and Struthers continued business until 1869, when J. Struthers purchased their respective interests. The Barton store was established in 1871. In 1870, when Col. Shields built his hotel, now the Corum House, John and Alex Struthers' store stood where the Struther's dwelling stood before the fire of 1877. South was Pollard's blacksmith shop, the same which Barton fitted for a store-room. About this time

the tobacco warehouse of Col. Bondurst on Wet Prairie was confiscated, and much of the lumber brought to the new city and partly used in building the houses just south of the Smith & Seabourn brick block. Hugh Blair lived in a cabin 100 yards west of the same block. A blacksmith shop stood fifty yards north of Honey creek, on the west side of the road."

The first school taught here was by Lee Smith, about 1869 or 1870. It was in a small frame building, lined with brick, which stood a few yards southeast of where Mrs. Fannie Preston's residence now is. The old two-story frame school house was built about 1885. The present, a handsome two-story brick with six rooms was built in 1896, at a cost of \$5,000.

The Methodist, Baptist, Christians and Presbyterians all have neat churches.

During its nearly thirty years existence this little city has had many exciting scenes, the two most noted of which are the fire which occurred Sunday, January 10, 1892, and the bank robbery, which took place May 10, 1894. They are graphically described in the Enterprise of January 16, 1892, and May 11, 1894 respectively as follows:

"On Sunday morning last at about 4:30 o'clock a loud explosion, which shook the very earth and made the windows and shutters rattle in every home in Southwest City and which awakened

our citizens, was but the prelude to the cry of FIRE, FIRE, which resounded through our streets, accompanied by the furious ringing of bells and the cries of people as they frantically rushed from their homes to the scene.

When first discovered smoke was seen issuing from the Masonic Temple over Smith & Seabourn's hardware store, and the light from the flames could be plainly seen playing against the curtained windows.

Mr. Turner, a photographer, who sleeps in his tent-gallery opposite the hardware store on the other side of the street, was awakened by the violent concussion of the shock and a shower of plate glass and other broken matter, against his tent. In less than a half minute he was in the hardware building with a bucket of water he had snatched up. The whole front was blown out which accounted for the previous shower of glass, which awakened him. A place was burning in the back part of the building, apparently half-way across the room between two joists, and the lamp which was suspended had fallen to the floor and broken and the oil was burning, which he promptly put out. But fire was dropping from the ceiling all around and he hurried back to replenish his bucket with water. By the time he got back with the water quite a number had congregated, and the fire by this time

was bursting from the windows up stairs and the fire in the interior of the hardware was dropping down steadily, but hesitated when the other explosion occurred—one, two, three times.

“In the mean time Mr. Mastin, who works in the back part of the room in the harness-making department, arrived at the back door which was open. He was engaged in trying to get down some harness to carry out when another explosion occurred and he quit precipitately. The fire was then nearly all in front of the hardware and was spreading through the archway which connects the general merchandise room and is at the back of the entrance of Smith Bros. drug store which was located between the two stores. In ten minutes the whole building was in flames up and down stairs and it was with difficulty that parties having offices in the second story of the adjoining building north reached them and saved a few effects, for the smoke was stifling. In about half an hour three adjoining bricks were in flames and the flames were still spreading. From this block of bricks the fire, which was intensely hot, spread to Dumont’s grocery and Dr. Frank Smith’s office. The fire on the north jumped the side street across to the Gorton building, a frame, which contained Murph Harmon’s saloon, and all heroic measures failed to keep it from going; awnings were



torn away from before the saloon and Sanders & Morrison's store on the north and a line of bucket men stood on the roof of Sanders & Morrison's fire wall, which is a hollow one, and together with a free use of salt the building was saved, although badly damaged.

“Dr. Frank Smith's office was the last building on the southern limits of the burned district to go with the rest. It was a small one-story frame and was partly torn down by the force of men on this side. A line of men with buckets and wet blankets, re-inforced by plenty of water, kept watch and fought valirntly from the firewall of Mrs. Dustin's drug store, which is also a blind wall, and the fire was finally got under full control. But forces of workers were busy on the front of the Corum House, oppsite the scene of the fire and wet blankets and water did their work well. The front of John Struthers' store on the same side of the street as the Corum House, was subjected to like treatment.

“In the mean time the large frame implement ware-house of Smith & Seabourn's at the back of the block could not be saved, and out-buildings galore were wiped up in the immediate vicinity, among which was Mrs. Dustin's barn and contents, D. E. Havens' ware house, and only by the best of work was Mrs. Dustin's residence saved.

## AMONG THE LOSERS.

Dr. Frank Smith lost \$60, probably in books, instruments, etc.

Doty & Lee, proprietors of the The Enterprise, lost everything except books. They hold their loss at \$600.

Mrs. Dustin had her stable and contents destroyed and barely saved her residence. Personal loss \$100.

The Dr. B. F. Smith, Sr., estate lost in two frame and one brick buildings burned, probably over \$3,500.

Combs Bros. paint shop, brushes, oils, paints, &c., were entirely consumed by the fire. Loss about \$25.

The Masonic fraternity lost everything, which they valued at \$200, having recently re-fitted and re-furnished their rooms. No insurance.

C. U. DuMont's grocery lost about \$200, principally contents of his ware room. However he retreated in very good shape considering. No insurance on stock.

In the G. A. R. Hall over D E. Haven's store, the belongings of that order, also of the S. of V. and W. R. C. were almost a complete loss. The first lost goods valued at \$125; S. of V., at \$10; W. R. C., \$25.

D. E. Havens who occupied the Dr. Smith brick saved everything but the contents of a ware-

house on back, which contained oil and bulk goods. He places his loss at about \$200, a great share of which he attributes to persons of pilfering habits.

Drs. Quarles & Christian's offices and contents were almost a complete loss. Dr. Quarles, however, saved a couple armloads of books from his fine library. The loss to him and his office associate is nearly \$1,200. Books, instruments and all went, except what they had at their homes on the night in question.

Smith Bros., druggists, lost their entire stock, but they were insured to the amount of \$1,000 on stock. Books, papers and cash taken from safe after the fire were uninjured. W. F. Smith, the junior member, lost the Gorton building valued at \$400, in which Murph Harmon conducted his saloon. Mr. Harmon is out about \$250, principally in bar fixtures, a great part of his liquor stock being saved. What was saved of his bar fixtures were so badly damaged as to render them almost worthless.

Smith & Seabourn are the heaviest losers by the fire, their loss being estimated at \$20,000. Their brick block comprised four large, handsome business rooms; overhead were the Enterprise office, Drs. Quarles & Christian's office, Opera house and Masonic hall. Their hardware stock was a total loss, except implements and

wagons, etc., which were stored in their warehouse, a part of which were saved. About \$3,000 worth of general merchandise and \$1,000 worth of implements were got beyond the reach of the flames. Papers and safe contents taken out. No insurance.

### BANK ROBBERY.

“About 3,30 o’clock yesterday afternoon seven well armed men rode into town from the south and dismounted in the street, just back of the post office, and tied their horses. Three of them made their way immediately to the bank while the other four took positions, two in the pool hall just north and across the street from the post office, while the other two stood in Dr. Nichol’s yard. The first words heard from them was an order for every body to hunt holes, accompanied by an oath. To give their language more force, they began firing their winchesters, and kept up a fuscilade. The men proceeded to the bank and covered Mr. Ault, the owner of the bank, and Mr. Snyder, an assistant with revolvers. Two of the men immediately crawled through the cashier’s window, while the third held revolvers on Mr. Ault and Mr. Snyder.

After relieving the vault and the cashier’s drawer of the money, they deposited it in a sack, and made for their horses, keeping up a con-



stant firing at every one who dared to show his head. While the three men were in the bank, the four men on the outside were doing deadly execution with their winchesters.

Ex-State Senator Seabourn and brother Oscar were in front of Mrs. Dustin's hardware store when the shooting began, and as they started for the store door two shots fired simultaneously struck them, and singularly, in very nearly the same place, just above the right hip joint in close proximity to the lower abdomen. The ball that hit J. C. passed through, while the ball that hit Oscar had lodged, and at this writing has not been located. M. V. Hembree, who was in W. L. Barker's saloon, received a ball in the ankle almost severing his leg, and will probably have to be amputated. By this time men had secured guns and returned the fire, and the robbers made retreat as fast as possible. As they passed the street to Broadway and turned south, they encountered Simpson Melton, Deputy U. S. Marshal and fired three shots at him, one taking effect in the right leg, making a flesh wound. Melton returned the fire, hitting one of their horses which had to be abonded in the south part of town.

About 100 shots were fired on Main street, and sounded like war times, and many citizens had very close calls from the robber's guns.

They rode good horses and the men were under middle age, and it is reported that one of the men was recognized as one of the parties who was arrested on suspicion as being connected with the Bentonville robbery a few months ago.

Mr. Ault, of the bank, informs us that the robbers secured in the neighborhood of \$3,700. Fortunately for Mr. Ault, his insurance covers nearly, if not all the loss. After securing the money Mr. Ault and Mr. Snyder were marched with the robbers to their horses, and then ordered to find holes and be quick about it.

The robbers met a warm reception as they turned south on Broadway, as several parties, including City Marshal, Carlyle, D. E. Havens, G. W. Smith, E. W. Eslinger and S. Melton were there with their guns, and were not afraid to use them. It is supposed that one of their horses was shot at that time by S. Melton, and another one was shot by J. D. Powell, who put in some good work as they passed his house. Charles Franks and Dick Prater also gave them a dose as they passed the Baptist church.

It is pretty well known that two of the robbers were wounded as they stopped several teams going into town and secured horses, and their wounds were plainly seen. One is shot near the eye and the other in the back or hip, as in changing horses he was not able to handle him-

self. They took a horse from Shade Johnson, and one from a man by the name of Vaughn and another from Dave Smith, but afterward turned it loose as it could not travel fast enough."

J. C. Seabourn died of his wound a few days later, but his brother Oscar eventually recovered. Hembry's foot was taken off above the ankle.

The robbers went in a southwesterly direction and track of them was finally lost some distance below Grand river. That night they stopped for supper some twelve or fourteen miles below Southwest, where they dressed their wounds. The lady who got their supper stated that six of the seven were wounded. Various parties were suspected and three arrests were made. Dr. Wynn and a man named Sparks were the first two. After investigating the matter, Sparks was discharged, but Wynn was placed in jail until the next term of court. The grand jury failed to find a bill and he was released. James Condry was indicted, but the case was nollied, there being no evidence against him.

In the course of time it was demonstrated to the satisfaction of most of the people of the town that the raid had been made by Bill Doolin and his gang. One of them died of a wound received in this robbery, five were afterwards killed, and the other one is now serving a term

in the penitentiary for some crime of a similar kind.

### TWIN SPRINGS.

IN the year 1880-1 there was quite a mania for Medical Springs towns over the Southwest and McDonald county came in for its share. In September 1881 J. P. Madden had a town platted on Lot 2 of the northwest quarter of section 19, township 22, range 32. Quite a number of people settled there and a promising little village was started. The water is very fine and the principal spring flows in a large stream from the side of the hill in quantities sufficient to supply a large town. But water, alone, will not support a town and after an unsuccessful struggle of several years the last business enterprise was abandoned.

At the June term of the county court, 1895, the owner of the land by J. A. Sturges, his attorney, appeared and procured an order vacating the public square, park, streets and alleys of the town and thus Medical Twin Springs was no more.

### WHITE ROCK SULPHUR SPRINGS.

THIS little village derives its name from a large White Sulphur spring which furnishes an abundance of fine water which contains healing properties.

It was laid out in 1882 and at present contains



three or four business houses all of which enjoy a fair trade. It is rather a pretty place and is surrounded by the most picturesque scenery to be found in the county.

#### BETHPAGE.

THIS is the name of a country store and post office in Elk Horn township that was established some time after the war. For the past several years W. W. Chase and Woolard Brothers have kept stores here.

A few years ago a small mill was in operation but it was afterwards converted into a distillery, which is in operation at the present time.

## CHAPTER VII.

CRIMINAL SKETCHES.

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## THE CHENOWETH MURDER.

ON the night of September 12, 1883, Dr. A. W. Chenoweth was shot from ambush just at the brow of the hill on the Neosho road at the north edge of Pineville. The doctor lived about a quarter of a mile from town, and some time after dark got in his buggy and started home. When he reached the point above stated two reports from a shotgun in quick succession rang out on the night air and the doctor fell from his buggy, riddled with buckshot. The team went on home and stopped at the barn.

This, with the reports of the gun, alarmed the family, and his son, Curtie, ran down the road to see what had occurred. Coming upon the dead body of his father in the road he uttered a scream of terror and grief that was heard throughout the little town, and soon the entire population had gathered at the scene of the tragedy. Intense excitement prevailed. One of the most useful, prominent and beloved mem-

bers of the community had fallen a victim to the cowardly assassin, and the threats and imprecations of a justly indignant people were mingled with the cries of grief from the terrified and almost heart broken wife and children.

The doctor, for years, had been a leading advocate of temperance and a bitter opponent to the illicit traffic in liquor. His antagonism to blind tigers and saloons had incurred the ill will of some of its advocates. This feeling was, also, very likely indulged in by a few of his political and personal enemies. Garland A. Mann for several years had been his open and avowed enemy, and had time and again threatened his life. Mann had kept a saloon in Pineville at different times and had probably sold liquor without license. It was through transactions connected with the saloon and liquor business that the enmity between the two men was first engendered. Besides, Chenoweth was a member of the Pension Board of Examiners and Mann was an applicant for a pension. He claimed that the doctor used his influence to defeat his claim. As time passed on the animosity grew stronger. Mann brooded over his ills, whether real or supposed, until he imagined every transaction of his life that turned out adverse was caused by the connivance of his enemy. This state of mind had so wrought upon Mann, and

his threats had become so frequent and bitter that the doctor's friends often warned him of his danger, and when the crime was perpetrated suspicion at once rested on Mann and he was arrested the next day.

The trial which ensued was the most noted that has ever originated in this county. A change of venue was granted to Newton county. The defendant owned a farm on the river, besides some other property which he gave to his lawyers for his defense. Eminent legal talent was employed on both sides. Each side had friends of influence and the fight was long and bitter. One party was fighting for the life of the defendant, the other contending that the vengeance of the law might be invoked on the murder of their friend. He was first tried in April, 1884, the trial lasting until May 5, when the jury, unable to agree, was discharged. He was again tried in August, convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hung. The case was reversed in the supreme court and remanded for re-trial. The trial was again begun in May, 1885. This resulted in a mistrial the jury being unable to agree. The fourth trial was begun August 3, 1885 but on Aug. 6, Mann was killed in jail by a mob, and thus the noted and expensive trial was terminated. About 1. o'clock that night a mob, variously estimated at from 100 to



150 men surrounded the jail at Neosho where Mann was confined. A deputation of ten or twelve went in and demanded the keys of Sam Cotter, one of the guards, and then of Johnson. They denied having the keys. The door of the jail was then burst in and the door of the cell battered down. Mann was of course unarmed, but it is said that he fought like a savage beast at bay. But the avengers of his victim's blood were at hand and a few pistol shots were fired, then two discharges from a shot gun and the last act in the great tragedy was over. On examination, the doctors found six wounds any one of which would have been fatal.

As to the guilt of Mann, we have never heard even his friends express a doubt. One of the attorneys in the case told the writer that one time Mann prepared a confession of the crime, but it was destroyed by one of his attorneys, who insisted that an acquittal would eventually be secured. No one was ever arrested for the killing of Mann, although an effort was made to discover the parties who constituted the possee. This protracted trial cost over \$10,000, and bad blood was engendered which lasted for several years, though no serious trouble ever grew out of it.

In October, 1884. A. M. Dillin, of Pineville was arrested as an accessory to the killing of

Chenoweth, but was tried and acquitted by a jury of his own county, there being no substantial evidence against him.

### THE JIM WISDOM CASE.

ONE night in December, 1883 there was a dance at a house on the river a few miles above Saratoga. Among others in attendance were James M. Wisdom, then post master at Saratoga, and William Judy, a young man less than twenty years of age. Wisdom was also deputy Sheriff, and claimed he went to the dance for the purpose of arresting a couple of parties for whom he had a warrant. The evidence adduced at the trial of Wisdom proved that when the dance broke up Wisdom flourished his pistol, abused Judy and swore he would kill him. He wanted to ride on Judy's horse, and the boy insisted on Wisdom taking the horse while he would walk. Wisdom, however, compelled the boy to get on and ride up to a stump and let him get on behind all the time flourishing his pistol and swearing he would kill him. The two rode off in front of the rest of the party Wisdom hold of the bridle reins and still cursing and using his threats. When they reached the forks of the road where the Saratoga road turns up the hill a short distance below where A. J. Avery now lives,

the other following on down the river bottom, Wisdom rode a few yards down the river bottom road, shot Judy through the body, threw him off the horse, then turned across to the Saratoga road and went home on the poor boy's horse. Parties who were behind on foot came up a few moments later and found the body lying dead by the road side. Wisdom who was undoubtedly drunk claimed the next morning that he knew nothing about it.

These were squally times in McDonald county. Austin had killed Hearrell in January 1882. At the February term of court Madison Evans was acquitted of the murder of Sherill Brooks, whom many of the neighbors say he had called out one morning and shot down in cold blood. The following September Dr. A. W. Chenoweth was shot from ambush while returning to his home near Pineville. These crimes and the acquittal of so many defendants exasperated the people and they determined to take the law in their own hands. Wisdom, Garland A. Mann, and other prisoners, who were kept in the Carthage jail, when brought to Pineville for trial had to be heavily guarded, and on different nights were secretly taken out in the woods and concealed until morning. The prisoners and their guards endured much inconvenience and suffering from the cold and exposure, but at that time avoided

mob violence.

Wisdom was tried at the April term 1884 of our circuit court, and found guilty of murder in the first degree. The judgment was affirmed on appeal to the supreme court, but the governor of the state commuted his sentence to a life term in the state penitentiary. During his confinement he was sick nearly all of the time, and after a few years he was pardoned and sent home to die with his family and friends, the prison physicians giving an opinion that he was in the last stages of consumption and could live but a few weeks. He, however, soon regained his health and at last reports was still alive and prosperous.

### THE HEARRELL MURDER.

ABOUT sundown, January 20, 1882, B. F. Austin shot and killed E. J. Hearrell, at the residence of W. C. Price on Buffalo creek. There had been some dealings, also some trouble between the parties previous to the killing, but nothing of so serious a nature was apprehended.

The Price residence consisted of a double log house with a porch between the two rooms. Price with his family at that time occupied the east room while Austin, his son-in-law, lived in the west room, the house however, stands



diagonally fronting southeast. Austin kept a blacksmith shop some sixty yards north of the house.

On the afternoon of the killing, the writer was at the shop and Austin stated to him that he expected Hearrell to sue him on an account and in case he did so wanted his services as attorney to defend the case. About one hour after this conversation took place the killing occurred. Herrall came to the shop and a dispute arose concerning the account. W. C. Price, Jr., then a little boy, was the only one present. He states that Hearrell threatened Austin's life, unless the balance he claimed was paid. The three got over the fence together, a high, staked and ridged rail fence, between the lot and house yard, and started towards the house. Old Mr. Price was sitting in his room with his back towards the porch door when his son, little Billie bolted in and in a very excited manner exclaimed "Pa, come quick, Mr. Hearrell is going to kill Ben," The old gentleman replied, "Why, I reckon not" and started to rise from his chair. Just then a shot was fired, and when Mr. Price reached the door Hearrell was in the act of falling. Austin being young and active, had run from where they crossed the fence to the house, sixty yards, some distance in advance of Hearrell who was getting old, On reaching the house Austin ran

into his room, caught down his rifle and, taking rest on the side of the door, fired the fatal shot. The bullet entered the neck just above the collar bone and severed the main artery. The distance between the two at the time the shot was fired was about thirty feet. Deceased was a large, powerful man and would no doubt have severely beaten Austin, had he overtaken him, but he was wholly unarmed.

The case created great excitement in that vicinity and Austin was severely condemned by the public. But at the following August term of court he was acquitted on the grounds of self defence.

Several years later, 1894, Austin was shot and killed in the Indian Territory, by an Indian named Tom Crawford. Crawford was convicted of manslaughter in the United States court at Fort Scott, Kansas, and served a short term in the penitentiary.

### THE MURDER OF LULA NOEL.

ONE of the most appalling crimes ever committed in McDonald county was the murder of Mary Lula Noel daughter of W. H. and S. E. Noel on the 10 day of December, 1892. She was young, extremely handsome and her lady like manners made her a favorite with all who knew her. On

the Wednesday preceding, William Simmons, a young man who lived at Joplin, came down to visit her. She was staying with her sister, Mrs. Sydney Holly, who then lived on the old Mann farm. He remained there until Saturday. On Friday evening arrangements were made to the effect that next morning Holly's folks were to go over to W. H. Noel's and the two families were to go together to the town of Noel. Holly and his wife were to visit over night at the home of a relative on Mill creek. Simmons was asked to go with them but declined, saying he would walk over to Lanagan and take the freight train to Joplin. Miss Noel said she would remain with Will (Simmons) until he went away and then go across the river to her father's if the water was not too high, otherwise she would remain on that side with some of the relatives who were quite numerous. The river was then past fording for vehicles, but was being crossed on horse back. About 8 o'clock in the morning Holly and his wife started away leaving Simmons and Miss Noel together at their house. This was the last ever seen of her alive. Instead of returning home on Sunday, Holly and his wife remained at her father's the next few days. Lula had not come home, but no great uneasiness was felt as she was supposed to be at some of the relatives across the river. On

Monday and Tuesday inquiry was made when it was ascertained she was not in the neighborhood. A letter was at once dispatched to an uncle at Webb City, with whom she made her home part of the time, and it was thought probable she had gone there. When the answer came back that she was not there, the anxiety of her parents and family that had been growing deeper all of the time suddenly increased to a frenzy of excitement. Their beautiful daughter and sister was gone, lost; no one knew where, and only those who have experienced the feeling can realize the agony which clung to them day and night.

Her father and Mr. Holly went to Joplin on Friday to see what tidings they could gain. At the trial Holly swore that he saw Simmons and said to him "Will, your girl's gone." Simmons trembled violently a few seconds and replied. "Is that so?" He asked no questions concerning her and appeared to be desirous of avoiding the conversation. When asked if she came away with him, he replied that she did not. They stood in silence a few moments when Simmons remarked, "You don't suppose the fool girl jumped in the river and drowed herself, do you?" They returned home that night and the next day, Saturday December 17, just one week from the day she was last seen, a systematic



search was begun. The whole country was aroused and hundreds of people joined to aid in finding the body, for it was now the universal opinion that she had been killed. The hills from the Holly house towards Lanagan were gone through for a while in the early morning then the crowd repaired to the river. The deep holes were dragged, giant powder exploded and every spot examined for some distance up and down the stream. Finally about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, in a narrow, swift place in the river at the lower end of a large, deep hole of water, the body was found where some of the clothing had caught in a willow that projected into the water. It was but little more than a quarter of a mile below her father's house and within a few feet of the road along which her parents had passed that fatal Saturday afternoon unconscious of the great tragedy that had been enacted. On examination afterwards conclusive evidences of a violent death were found. A bruise on one temple, one spot on one cheek and three or four on the other, as though a hand had been placed over her mouth to stifle her screams, finger prints on the throat, were all plainly visible. Besides a bruise the size of the palm of one's hand on the back of the head and her neck broken. The lungs were perfectly dry and all evidences of drowning were absent.

The evidence was wholly circumstantial put pointed very strongly to the guilt of the defendant.

There were tracks of a man and woman corresponding in size and shape with Simmons and Miss Noel's found leading from the Holly house across the field to near the river bank at the upper end of the big hole of water above mentioned. At the lower end was a ford, and it is the supposition that the two walked down to the river, she intending to wait at the ford and call to her parents as they passed on their way home to take out a horse from the wagon and assist her across.

The finding of her body naturally increased the excitement. A warrant was at once issued for Simmons and he was apprehended in Joplin just as he was preparing to leave. Had he been brought to Pineville at that time it is likely he would have been summarily dealt with, but he waived examination and remained in the jail at Neosho. At the February term of our court 1893 an indictment was returned against him for murder in the first degree. A change of venue was granted to Newton county and the case tried at the following May term. Some seventy witnesses were examined and the case was hotly contested by both sides. The jury were unable to agree and were finally discharged. The trial again came on at the following November term.

At this trial the attorneys for the state took the position that there was a probability or, at least, a possibility that the killing was done on a sudden impulse and without deliberation and asked for and was granted an instruction for murder in the second degree as well as in the first degree. The jury returned a verdict for murder in the second degree and assessed the punishment at ten years in the penitentiary. Thus ended another of the most noted criminal cases ever on the docket in our county.

### CANADA BILL.

DURING the summer and fall of 1886, a half-breed Indian from Canada, called "Canada Bill," had been employed by various parties in the Roark neighborhood. He appeared to be a man of vicious habits and of rather inferior mental faculties.

One afternoon in December, 1886, Mrs. Robert Roark, who lived in the Roark valley near the Newton county line, was left alone with her little children. Bill happened to pass by and finding her alone made indecent proposals which was followed by an assault. A desperate struggle ensued. The fight begun in the house and terminated in the road outside the yard some twenty or thirty yards away. During the fight

her little boy some three or four years old, threw an ear of corn and hit his mother's assailant. Perhaps, frightened by her screams for help, or believing assistance was at hand, he suddenly abandoned the assault and fled. Mrs. Roark was bruised in several places where he had struck her and her clothing was badly torn, but she was not seriously injured. She immediately fled to the nearest neighbors and gave the alarm. A posse was soon in pursuit and in a few hours her assailant was captured in the Indian Territory. The Indian policeman arrested him and delivered him to the posse to be brought back to this county for trial. He was taken to the house of P. P. Rinehart to be guarded through the night. Not long after dark a mob surrounded the house and demanded the prisoner. Mr. Rinehart went out and requested them to go away, which they apparently consented to do. Shortly afterwards the prisoner, with several guards, was started off to Pineville. They went on foot across the fields and through the woods. When they reached the foot of the big hill on the Seneca road near Buffalo creek, they halted and built up a fire to keep warm while one of the Lager boys went home to get a team and wagon. After waiting here for some time they started on, and had gone but a short distance when they were suddenly surrounded by a mob which at



once took charge of the prisoner. In the mean time, Canada Bill seemed to be aware of the fate that probably awaited him. He had talked over his crime freely and acknowledged his guilt. He signified a desire to plead guilty and said he thought he ought to be sent to the penitentiary, but he did not think he deserved to be lynched. He was taken on down the road to where a clump of eight or ten large trees stood near Sam Owen's field, and hung to the limb of a black oak. In his last moments Canada Bill proved himself worthy of the stoical race to which he belonged. Seeing that his captors were devoid of mercy and protests were in vain, he resigned himself to his doom and met death in a spirit worthy of any hero. The guards who were permitted to witness his execution said that when the rope was placed around his neck and thrown over the limb that he never uttered a groan or moved a muscle, but was drawn up like a log of wood and died as quietly as though he had lain down to a peaceful sleep. He had been guilty of a grevous offense, but grevously did he answer for it. After the inquest the next day the body was placed in a rude coffin and buried near the top of the hill.

A year from the following summer a small cyclone dipped down and tore up the entire grove including the tree to which he was hung.

## THE MOORE MURDER.

ON Wednesday night, July 19, 1894, C. L. Moore and his wife, Mary A. Moore, were murdered in cold blood at their residence near Tiff City. The following account taken from the McDonald County Republican of July 27, 1894, is substantially correct:

“The greatest crime that was ever perpetrated in time of peace in McDonald county was committed last Wednesday night by the murder of C. L. Moore and his wife.

The Moore residence is situated in a narrow valley that makes up from Buffalo creek about a mile and one-half above Tiff City. The valley runs nearly north and south, and the house, a good-sized two story frame, is situated on the west side, fronting about east. The road leading from Buffalo creek to the State Line road on the uplands runs in front of the house about a hundred yards distant. The house sets back a few steps from the front fence. A double porch extends the entire length of the house in front, at the north end of which is a stairway. There are two doors and two windows opening out on the porch. It is about a quarter of a mile from the main road along Buffalo creek bottom. Here these two old people were living alone, their children all being grown and married.

Their youngest daughter and husband, George Williams, live about two hundred yards above the Moore residence.

Last Wednesday evening about dark nine pistol shots were heard in that vicinity, but as shooting is frequent, no particular attention was paid to it. The next morning a boy who had borrowed the Esquire's buggy the day before returned it about ten o'clock and put it up in the barn. Not seeing any one, he hollowed. Hearing no response he went in at the gate when he saw Mrs. Moore lying on the porch. He at first supposed she was asleep but on going nearer he discovered a pool of blood. Almost wild with fright he ran and gave the alarm. The news spread like wild-fire and the people for miles around gathered in under the most intense excitement. Prosecuting Attorney, Hugh Dabbs, and his assistant A. V. Mannig had gone to Tiff city that morning and arrived just as the word came. With Dr. A. J. McKinney they went to the scene of the murder, where an examination of the two bodies and of the premises was made. Mr. Moore was found lying in the northwest corner of the north room, his right arm under his head, the left raised as if trying to ward off the blow. There were four bullet holes in his body, as follows: One in right arm near the shoulder, one on the front side of the

right shoulder, one on the right side of the head through the temporal bone, the other in the cheek on the right side of the nose. The last two wounds were both fatal. The blood had run in a stream and was clotted all along the floor all the way to the fire place. Mrs. Moore was lying on the porch, across the front door her feet near the foot of the stairs. She was on her face, her head resting on both arms. She had been shot in the upper part of the arm, on the left side of the neck, and in the back part of the head. Dr. McKinney says she was evidently running when the fatal shots were fired.

Toward the south end of the porch were the chairs where they had been sitting and their pipes from which they had taken their last peaceful smoke, were lying in the window. They had removed their shoes, one pair being found on the porch and the other pair in the house, like they had been removed and put away for the night. Both were in their stocking feet, she with a light summer dress, he having removed his coat and vest, and the top button of his pants unfastened as though preparing to retire. The lamp was still burning. The examination showed that they had been dead about fifteen hours, both bodies being cold and stiff. Two other chairs were sitting on the porch near the two just mentioned indicating



there had been two visitors. Five shells of empty cartridges, number 38, were found near the door, and four of the same kind have been found on the premises since. In addition to the seven wounds found in the bodies two bullets had lodged in the floor. It is evident the shots were all fired from the same pistol, as the shells found were all punctured a little to one side of the center and all exactly in the same manner.

The only conceivable motive to the crime was robbery. Mr. Moore was a man of considerable means, and it was known that he was saving up money to pay off a mortgage on some property he owned in Kansas. The amount, if any, secured is not known, but is probably from two to five hundred dollars was obtained. It was evidently the act of some one who knew the family well and their financial condition. It is also evident Mr. and Mrs. Moore both knew their assailants, for strangers would not take such extreme precaution of shooting so many times to insure instant death.

Suspicion rests on parties not far away and some clues, which we are not at liberty disclose tend to confirm the suspicion.

A liberal reward has been offered, and it is more than likely the guilty parties will soon be in the meshes of the law.

Esq. Moore has long been one of the prominent

men of our county and was highly respected by all who knew him. His wife who was part Indian, was an estimable lady. They were about sixty years old and after giving a home to each of their children, were living out their old age in a comfortable home with plenty and to spare.

In the following September Lafe Hamilton and his brother Tom were arrested charged with the crime. The preliminary examination was held before Esq. S. W. King at Pineville, lasted three days and resulted in the defendants being held to await the action of the grand jury. They gave bond in a few days and were released.

At the February term of court following these two defendants, with their brother William Hamilton and Andrew Taylor were indicted for the crime. Being unable to furnish bail, they were committed to the Newton county Jail where they remained until the August term of court, 1896, at which time the case against Taylor was nollied and the Hamiltons were tried. This is one of the most interesting cases ever tried in McDonald county. Hundreds of people came to hear it, and from Tuesday evening until Saturday evening the court house was literally packed full of people eager to catch every word of the evidence. The State was represented by J. D. Edge, prosecuting attorney, Hugh Dabbs

and J. W. Brunk, of Neosho, and H. C. Pepper and Tom Steel, of Cassville. The defendants were represented by George R. Clay and J. A. Sturges, of Pineville, A. J. Harbison, of Neosho, and Cloud & Davies, of Pierce City. The introduction of evidence was begun Wednesday evening and the arguments closed late Saturday afternoon. Sunday forenoon the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Up to the present writing, July 13, 1897, no other parties have been apprehended and it appears that this great crime will ever remain a mystery, and its perpetrators go unpunished.

#### THE HANGING OF GRUBB.

IN JUNE 1885, Dorson B. Anderson a deaf and dumb man, left some point in Lawrence county with a team and wagon and came down into McDonald county, camping out while on his journey. Irwin Grubb accompanied him. They camped one night a few miles above Pineville and several days after the dead, and partially decomposed body of Anderson was found in one of the lonely hollows making out from Dog Hollow.

Traces were found where the body had been dragged for some distance to the place where it was hidden, being covered with leaves and

brush. The wagon had been taked to pieces and hidden in the brakes of Sugar creek. Grubb was soon after apprehended in Lawrence county and brought back to the Pineville jail where he remained until the night of his death. He tried to claim that the killing was an accident, but all the circumstances pointed strongly to his guilt.

One night in November, 1885, a mob made a very sudden and wholly unexpected raid on the jail, and took Grubb out and hung him to the limb of a tree near the spot where Dr. Chenoweth had been murdered, just at the bend of the road east of the school house.

### THE KILLING OF WICK LANE.

THERE has never been a legal execution in McDonald county, but John Abels was convicted of the murder of Wick Lane in 1874. and hung at Carthage, to which place his case had been taken on a change of venue.

Abels was getting along in years and was living with a young woman, supposed to be his wife, though some of the older settlers say there had never been a formality of the marriage rite. He was not only jealous of her, but treated her with extreme cruelty considerable of the time keeping her chained. They were living on



Patterson Creek.

In the spring of 1874, she eloped with one Neil Dodson, who had a wife and several children. They went to the Indian Territory. Abels accused Lane of being implicated in the affair. He protested that he knew nothing of it and went with Abels in search of the woman. They went east through some two or three counties, but failed to find any trace of the missing one. On their return, Abels became more suspicious of Lane, and accused him of leading him out of the way in order to give the fleeing parties a better opportunity to escape. They appeared to have stopped near a spring on Granny's Branch not far from where Cyclone now is where the killing was done.

Just how the murder was committed will never be known in all its details, but the evidence showed it to have been cool, deliberate and cruel. One who examined the body and the ground surrounding says that it is evident that Lane was sitting down against a white oak tree when the first shot was fired, as the bullet had lodged in the tree and the first traces of blood were found at its roots. From there to a spring a few yards distant was a track of blood and indications that the wounded man had crawled from the tree to the water. Here he was found with his face down in the pool as though in the

act of quenching his thirst, when the second shot was fired. Either wound would have been fatal.

Abels took his victim's horse and revolver and fled. The dead body was discovered that day or the next and Abel was followed and captured in the Nation. His case was sent on a change venue to Jasper county where he was convicted and hung. He acknowledged the crime on the day of execution, and said all he regretted was that Sam Lane was present to see him die.

#### THE EMMA BROWN CASE.

THE records of our county would hardly be complete without the sensation of trying a woman for murder. This was furnished by the trial of Emma Brown (Carroll) for poisoning her infant child. This trial was accompanied by two of the most remarkable incidents the writer ever saw or heard of when a woman was on trial for her life. The first was that every woman who attended the trial sympathized with the prosecution and was eager for a verdict of guilty. The other, that Emma's own mother, without reserve, or hesitancy, and apparently without emotion gave at length and in detail the most damaging evidence against her daughter.

In September, 1886, the little baby died under such suspicious circumstances that an inquest

was held and the coroner's jury brought in a verdict of death by poisoning. The parents, Charles and Emma Brown, were indicted for murder in the first degree.

The evidence showed that Emma had been wayward. She had met Brown for the first time but a few months before the child was born, and they were married soon after they became acquainted. The birth of the child under these circumstances caused trouble, although Brown it is said had been apprised of the facts before the marriage. The mother sent her little brother to Pineville after laudanum with a precaution to say nothing about it. The bottle was seen under her pillow, and afterwards found empty in the garden. On the other hand, it was shown that she was very fond of the baby and treated it with the affection common to young mothers. Of course the above is but a few of the points brought out in the evidence, and the fact that the child died from the effects of laudanum was not disputed. The defendant displayed remarkable nerve during the trial until her attorneys began addressing the jury when she broke down and wept violently for an hour or more. It was after dark when the jury reported and Deputy Sheriff, James Kenney started with her from the jail to the court house. Just outside of the east gate, they met John A. Ford, the Sheriff,

and Kenney remarked that Ford could take her up, while he looked after other business. She caught Ford's arm in both of hers and remarked quite cheerfully, "Iv'e got me another beau." They went on up to the court room where she heard the verdict of "not guilty," and the thoughtless, wayward girl went out again into the sunlight of freedom.

She had been tried separately from her husband and the jury thought there was a doubt as to whether she or her husband had given the fatal dose. The case against her husband was nollied.

#### DEATH OF LITTLE CLAUDE MORGAN.

ONE of the most distressing affairs ever witnessed in our county occurred at Southwest City the last day of March, 1895. An attempt was made to arrest Jack Carey, a half breed Indian, for disturbing the peace. When ordered to surrender, instead of complying, he presented his winchester and opened fire on the officers. L. W. Carlyle, city marshal, Cap Franks, constable, and deputy marshal, George Ratcliff, and Simps Melton constituted the posse trying to make the arrest. They returned the fire, and other parties began shooting at the same time, ostensibly at the officers.



When the shooting began Chas. Morgan, a white man who lived in the Nation, was coming into town from the north, his little girl and his little boy, Claude 5 years old, sitting with him in the wagon seat. One of the pistol balls struck the little boy, entering just above the right eye and passing out at the back of his head and passing through the father's arm which was around the child. The little fellow died in about an hour and a half.

An inquest was held the following Monday, but it could not be ascertained who fired the fatal shot. Carey was shot in the groin and captured. He was held in the sum of \$1,000 for felonious assault, to which he entered a plea of guilty at the following term of court and was fined \$125.

[There are two cases now pending in court an account of which will be given among the miscellaneous matters ]

## CHAPTER VIII.

## COUNTY OFFICERS.

AS has been stated elsewhere, the first county officers after the close of the war were appointed by the governor of the state. Following is a list of the principal county officers from that date down to the present with the date of the appointment or election of each.

## REPRESENTATIVE.

IN 1864 an election was held, McDonald county voting at Newtonia. At this election Claudius B. Walker was elected to the legislature. He was again elected in 1866.

John B. Price held the office from 1866 to 1870.

John C. Lamson was elected in 1870 and served one term.

William C. Price was elected in 1872 and again in 1874, serving two terms.

J. J. Brown was elected in 1876 and served one term.

A. W. Chenoweth was elected in 1878 and served one term.

A. J. Phillips was elected in 1880 and served one term.

T. F. Ford was elected in 1882 and served one term.

Thomas Collins was elected in 1884 and served one term.

J. J. McNatt was elected in 1886 and served one term.

M. C. Christian was elected in 1888 and served one term.

James F. Kenney was elected in 1890 and served one term.

Richard J. Balch was elected in 1892 and served one term.

Fred M. Best was elected in 1894 and served one term.

James F. Tandy was elected in 1896, and still holds that position.

#### CIRCUIT CLERK AND RECORDER.

RUFUS L. HARGROVE was the first to hold this office when the courts were reorganized at the close of the war. He served during 1865 and 1866.

A. W. Chenoweth filled the office the next four years, 1876 to 1870 inclusive.

R. L. Hargrove was elected in 1870 and served four years.

A. M. Dillin was elected in 1874 and again in 1878, serving eight years.

H. A. F. Cloud was elected in 1882, and re-elected in 1886, serving two terms.

J. W. Shields was elected in 1890 and served four years.

S. G. Sutter was elected in 1894, and is the present incumbent.

#### COUNTY CLERK.

THE COUNTY and Circuit clerk's offices were filled by the same person until 1882 when they were separated.

M. R. DeGross was elected in 1882 and served four years.

J. P. Caldwell was elected in 1886 and again in 1890, serving eight years.

Zach Baker, the present incumbent was elected in 1894.

#### JUDGE AND CIRCUIT ATTORNEY.

THE record shows that Circuit court was opened at this place November 18, 1865. John C. Price of Neosho was Judge. He served in that capacity until 1869 when he was succeeded by B. L. Hendricks, who opened his first court Au-



gust 30, of that year. Judge Hendricks was on the bench until January 1, 1875, when he was succeeded by Joseph Cravens of Neosho.

Judge Cravens filled the office six years when he was succeeded by M. G. McGregor, of Carthage.

Judge McGregor was re-elected in 1886, but the circuit being changed in 1889 caused a vacancy, which was supplied, by the appointment of Judge Cravens.

Judge Cravens was elected in 1890 to fill the short term and served two years.

In 1892 J. C. Lamson, of Pineville, was elected, and is the present incumbent.

#### CIRCUIT ATTORNEYS.

AT the beginning of this period a Circuit Attorney had jurisdiction co-extensive with the circuit court whose duty it was to prosecute all offenders, and, in fact, whose powers and duties were the same as the prosecuting attorney is at present.

George W. Randolph of this county was the first after the war to hold that office for this circuit. He was succeeded in August 1869, by J. L. Page of Jasper county.

Page served until September, 1871, at which time he was succeeded by A. L. Thomas of Carthage.

## COUNTY AND PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

By order of the county court, May 9th, 1866, J. C. Lamson was appointed attorney for McDonald county. He served until August 10, 1867 when he tendered his resignation which was accepted by the county court. He received \$100 for his services.

By an order of court, November 9th, 1867, A. H. Kenney was appointed county attorney for a period of six months from November 4, 1867. His compensation for the term being fixed at the sum of \$100. He served until removed by order of the county court, November 6, 1868.

He was succeeded by Oney Carstarphen in 1869.

## PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

J. L. Smythe was appointed county attorney by the county court May 1st, 1871. He was elected prosecuting attorney November 8, 1872.

John L. Barr was elected at the November election, 1874. He filled the office until removed February 9, 1876.

Z. T. Murphy was appointed February 9, 1876 and filled the unexpired term of J. L. Barr. He served two years.

John C. Lamson, the present Circuit Judge was elected at the general election, November 1878 and served two years.

J. W. Brunk was elected November 1880 and held the office one term.

James C. Cole was elected November, 1882, and re-elected in 1884, serving four years.

H. C. Pepper was elected to the office at the November election in 1886, and again in 1888, serving two terms.

Hugh Dabbs was elected in 1890 and 1892 holding the office four years.

J. D. Edge was elected in 1894 and held the office one term.

• George R. Clay, the present incumbent, was chosen at the general election in November 1896.

#### SHERIFF AND COLLECTOR.

JOHN V. HARGROVE was the first sheriff after the war, having been appointed to that office by the governor in 1866. He served until December, 1867.

Samuel Baker assumed the duties of sheriff and collector, January, 1867.

James H. Wimpey took charge of the office in March 1869 and held the office for the year 1871-2

C. L. Fields held the office from 1873 to 1876 inclusive.

J. C. Montgomery was elected in 1876 and served one term.

E. M. Jarrett was elected November 5, 1876 and re-elected in November 1880, serving two full terms.

J. C. Seabourn was elected November 7, 1882 and held the office two terms.

At the election in 1886, John A. Ford was elected to the office of sheriff and collector, which he held two terms.

W. W. Bacon was elected in 1890 and held the office one term. After the close of this term the two offices were held separately.

J. T. Williams, succeeded Bacon in 1892 and held the office one term.

H. C. Prater was elected in 1884 and held the office one term.

Sheriff: George T. Woolard elected in 1892.

John C. Kelley in 1894. R. Jarrett in 1896.

#### PROBATE JUDGE.

THIS court was in connection with the county court until the beginning of 1869. On the 24th day of March, 1868 an act of the legislature was passed establishing the Probate courts in the various counties of the state. Pursuant to this law the records show that on the 11th day of January, 1869, the probate court of this county was opened and adjourned until the 4th Monday in January, the same year. This record is signed



by A. H. Kennedy, Probate Judge.

March 23rd, 1869, the record shows a description of the seal of the Probate court for this county. This record is signed, Hiram Baker, Probate Judge. Hiram Baker opened court April 12th, of that year and held the office until February, 1873. C. P. Bullock succeeded Baker and held the office about one year.

Z. Smith held the office a short time in 1874, when he was succeeded by W. S. Street who was elected at the general election that year.

Judge Street filled the office three years.

Jessee Parish was Judge from January 1st, to June 1st, 1878, and W. C. Duval from that time to the end of the year.

These last four, Z. Smith, W. S. Street, Jessee Parish and W. C. Duval, were at the same time Judges of the county court.

At the November election in 1878, I. N. Shambaugh was elected to the office. He was re-elected in 1882 but served only part of his term. He resigned in 1883 and J. W. Brunk was appointed to fill the office until the next election.

W. E. Smith was first elected in November, 1884, to fill the unexpired two years of Judge Shambaugh's term. He was re-elected in 1886 and again in 1890, serving in all ten years.

James M. Elliot, the present incumbent, was elected at the general election in 1894.

## COUNTY JUDGES.

THE first county court after the war consisted of Benjamin F. Hopkins, Enoch G. Williams and Isaac A. Harmon. The court assembled Monday, November 6th, 1865, Harmon not being present. The first order made was that appointing Benjamin F. Hopkins, Presiding Judge. Thirty days later, December 6th, an order was made appointing Enoch G. Williams Presiding Justice.

There appears to have been an election November 6th, 1866, at which Hugh L. Testerman, I. A. Harmon and John Jones were elected county Judges. On the 17th of December following, Hugh L. Testerman was appointed Presiding Justice.

At the November election in 1868. Joel Meador was elected to succeed H. L. Testerman, I. A. Harmon and Jehu Jones being elected for a second term. I. A. Harmon served as Presiding Justice pro tem from Jan. 1, 1869 until May 3, 1869, at which time he was appointed to that position by order of the court.

At the election in 1870 Joel Meador was re-elected, James H. Wimpey and Thomas McDonald succeeding the other two, Wimpey being appointed by the Governor in 1871.

February 15, 1871 James H. Wimpey was appointed Presiding Justice by order of the court.

The three served until January 17, 1872, at which time Zach Smith took charge of the office, he having been elected at a special election November 7th, 1871. He served until January 23, 1873, Thomas McDonald and John Evans were associates during Smith's term.

At the regular November election, in 1872, Geo. Manning and John Wilson were elected county judges, and the new court organized January 23, 1873, by electing Thomas McDonald Presiding Judge.

W. S. Street was elected judge at the November election in 1874. During the next four years there was but one judge instead of three as there was before and has been since.

Street filled the office three years. Jessee Parish was judge from January 1, to June 1, 1878. W. C. Duval from June 1, 1878 to the end of the year.

I. N. Shambaugh was elected Presiding Judge in 1878 and served four years. He was again elected in 1882 and served until 1883, at which time he resigned.

George R. McMahon was elected Judge of the Eastern District, and J. D. Heron, Judge of the Western District, in 1878. Both were re-elected in 1880 and served a second term.

A. B. Shields was elected Judge of the Western District and Holly Hinton Judge of the

Eastern District in 1882. In part of 1883 and in 1884 J. W. Brunk filled the office of Presiding Judge by appointment.

Holly Hinton was elected for a second term in 1884, and J. D. Heron was again elected at the same time. Both served two years more.

H. B. Landers was elected the same year to fill the vacancy in the office of Presiding Judge and served two years.

J. A. Sturges was elected Presiding Judge in 1886, H. J. Laughlin, Judge of the Eastern, and J. W. Nutting, Judge of the Western District. The two Associates were re-elected in '88, and these three composed the court for four years, 1887-91.

John M. Boyd was elected Presiding Judge in 1890 and served four years. John R. Patterson was elected Judge of the Eastern District and John W. Cunningham Judge of the Western District the same year. In 1892 Cunningham was re-elected and C. J. Marrs, Judge of the Eastern District. Marrs resigned in the later part of 1893, and John R. Patterson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

J. Turner Horner was elected Presiding Judge in November, 1894 which position he still occupies. J. W. Adkins was elected Judge of the Eastern District and Patrus Testerman Judge of the Western District in 1894.



George W. Mitchell was elected Judge of the Western District and William Newman Judge of the Eastern District in 1896.

### ASSESSOR.

NOVEMBER 7, 1865, Henry H. Fox was appointed assessor of McDonald county, by order of the county court. The next record I have been able to find is where the bond of James H. Wimpey, assessor elect, is approved by the court, May 8, 1867. Mr. Wimpey served two years.

William H. Prater held the office for a short time, when he resigned and D. M. Mayhew was appointed to fill his place.

E. F. Burns was elected November 7, 1871 and served two years.

James H. Chapman was elected November 5, 1872, served 6 years.

J. J. Clanton was elected in 1878 and served two years.

H. A. F. Cloud was elected in 1880 and again in 1882.

John H. Chapman was elected in 1884 and served two years.

Zach Baker was elected in 1886 and served two years.

John P. Madden was elected in 1888 and again in 1890, serving four years.

W. H. Noel was elected in 1892 and served two years. At the election in November 1894 the result was a tie between him and Walter Hankins. A special election was called at which Noel was successful, thus serving two terms.

Martin L. Marrs was elected in 1896. and is the present incumbent.

#### TREASURER.

A. W. Chenoweth was appointed county treasurer November 8, 1865. I. N. Williams was appointed February 7, 1866.

John M. Boyd was appointed treasurer December 18, May 11 1866 and December 18, 1867.

J. C. Farmer was appointed to the office February 8, 1868.

Hugh L. Testerman was appointed December 1, 1870.

J. P. LaMance was elected November 5, 1872 and served two years.

At the general election November 3, 1874, J. C. Baber was elected county treasurer and held the office for ten years without intermission.

At the general election in 1884 A. C. Walters was elected county treasurer and held the office two years.

J. C. Baber was again elected in 1886 and held two terms, his last term expiring December 31st, 1891.

M. N. Lamance was elected to the office in 1890 and held the office two terms.

J. C. Farmer was elected in 1894 and held the office one term.

M. N. Lamance was again elected in 1896 and consequently is our present treasurer.

#### PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR.

THIS office was filled for a time by C. B. Walker, but at what time could not be ascertained. Probably about the breaking out of the war.

Daniel Harmon was the first to hold this office after the war, having been appointed by the county court November 7, 1866. He served four years.

J. C. Lamson held the office from 1870-1872.

John Wilson served in 1872.

H. H. Fox was elected in November, 1872, but the election was contested by J. W. Bedell, and Fox consented that the contest be decided in favor of Bedell, consequently the office was filled by him.

W. W. Chase was elected in 1874. He has been re-elected two or three times, and has also held several terms by his successor failing to qualify, so that the office was filled by him until January 1, 1897.

P. M. Fink of Indian Springs was elected in November, 1896, and is the present incumbent.

### CORONER.

NOVEMBER 7, 1866, Hugh L. Testerman was appointed coroner by order of the county court.

December 18, 1866, E. G. Williams was appointed coroner of the county. He resigned, February 1869.

J. C. Baber was appointed May 7, 1869. At the November election, 1870, Jacob McClendin was elected, but refused to qualify, and J. C. Baber was appointed, February 6, 1871, to fill the vacancy. He was elected at the November election in 1872.

Z. Smith was elected in 1874.

J. W. Brown in 1876.

Jarrett Watkins in 1878.

Harris Brown in 1880.

C. Plumlee in 1884 and 1888.

J. E. Edelen in 1890 and 1892.

William Maness in 1894. Maness moved out of the county and Dr. Cravens was appointed to fill the vacancy.

L. Maynard was elected in November 1896 but failed to qualify, and the office became vacant.



## SURVEYOR.

JACOB CAUDIL was elected to this office in November 1872 and again in 1876.

Thomas Ford in 1880.

H. P. Lamberson in 1884 and again in 1888.

J. M. Long was elected in 1892, but failed to qualify, and J. S. Long was appointed to fill the vacancy. He served to the close of 1894.

W. P. Fox was elected in 1894 and served two years, being the remainder of the term to which J. M. Long was elected.

Daniel Thrasher was elected in 1896 and is now the incumbent of the office.

## SCHOOL COMMISSIONER.

Abner W. Tatum was appointed to this office by the county court, May 9, 1866. He served but a short time when J. C. Lamson was appointed. Mr. Lamson served about three years.

About the close of his term John Wilson was appointed and filled the office for some time.

At the election in 1872 J. S. Sterrett was declared to be elected, but the records show that his election was contested by F. M. Seamster and the case determined February 11, 1873. Sterrett in his answer admits the election of

Seamster and consents that the commission be issued accordingly.

J. F. Kenney held the office from 1881-3.

A. C. Eliff held the office from 1883-5.

J. H. Wood succeeded Mr. Eliff and held two years.

W. O. Moore was the next incumbent. and served two years.

L. A. Henderson was elected in 1889 and held two years.

J. W. Morrow was elected in 1891 and again in 1893 and served four years.

J. W. Smith was elected to the office in 1895, and again in 1897.

## CHAPTER IX.

## ACCIDENTS.

To chronicle all the fatal accidents that have happened in this county would require more than the entire contents of this volume. Following are a few of the more striking ones which serve to illustrate how easily the thread of life may be broken by accident or carelessness.

## JOHN H. HARMON KILLED.

JOHN H. HARMON, son of Isaac Harmon, left town to-day (January 26, 1881) about noon, in a state of intoxication. He was driving his team, which was usually gentle, and was alone in his wagon. It is supposed that the horses became frightened and ran away; at any rate John Mosier found the wagon and team and the dead body of Mr. Harmon in Price's lane near Pineville; about 2 o'clock p. m. Harmon was quite dead and was lying under the wheel of the wagon, the lines were wrapped several times about the

dead man's legs, and the head was considerably bruised.

Jonh H. Harmon was about 40 years old. He married the daughter of Thomas Gordon, of Benton county, Arkansas, and leaves a wife and several children.

This sad occurrence is another incidence in the long chapter of wrongs caused by whisky, and is all the more frightful from its happening near a town where no whisky is sold as a beverage except in defiance of the laws of the land. —Pineville News.

#### KILLED BY A FALLING TREE

OTIS STERLEY, a young man about 20 years of age, was killed at Thomas Looney's, on Little Sugar creek, in the Southeastern part of the county, November 10, 1883, by a falling tree. Young Sterley and Looney were hauling rails, and while Sterley was replacing a rail that had partially fallen from the wagon, a dead tree that was standing near fell on him and crushed him against the hind wheel of the wagon and bruised him so that he died in about half an hour. —Pineville News.

#### DEAD IN A SHAFT.

ON FRIDAY morning last (May 31, 1884) about 8 o'clock John Devick, who was working in a



shaft at Dr. Benna's mines two miles southwest of Twin Springs, died from the effects of foul air. It appears that deceased and Dr. Benna went to the shaft the day previous for the purpose of putting off a blast that had been prepared, and that deceased proposed to go down then, but as they both supposed there was damp in the shaft, concluded to wait until the next morning when it would be cooler and, as they thought, safe. On the morning above stated Mr. Benna let him down in the shaft, which was about 40 feet deep, on a rope attached to a windless, and after reaching the bottom he said the air was bad and he could not stand it, and requested Mr. Benna to pull him out. He then placed one foot in a loop in the rope and took hold with both hands, but when about 6 feet from the bottom, he fell back, and was dead before aid could reach him.—Pineville News.

#### FATAL ACCIDENT.

WILLIE TESTERMAN, aged 17 years, son of Marshal Testerman, was killed on the Neosho road about a mile above Pineville, October 18, 1888. He had brought a load of lumber to town for the Baptist church, which was then building and was returning home, riding on the front bolster of the wagon. When near the place above mentioned, the team became frightened and

ran away, throwing him off, and the wheels probably passed over him. Beside being badly bruised a blood vessel at the base of the brain was ruptured from the effects of which he died in about an hour.—Pineville News.

#### DROWNED WHILE FISHING.

FRANK DERBIN was drowned in Big Sugar creek, some 12 or 15 miles above Pineville, last Saturday, while fishing. He, with others, was fishing with a net or sein. They had set their net at the end of a deep pool of water, and Derbin went out on a log that lay in the creek and jumped off into the water and swam under it for some distance as if diving, and when nearing the lower end of the pool, where the water was shallow attempted to raise himself out of the water, but fell back. Some of his associates, seeing there was something wrong with him, caught him and dragged him out on the bank where he died in two or three minutes. The general impression is that he died from congestion caused by being in the water too long, having been in the greater part of the time for three or four hours. He was ordinarily a proficient swimmer.—Pineville News, May 27, 1887.

## KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

IN the latter part of March, 1890, one of the most distressing cases caused by lightning ever recorded, occurred on the Widow Ray farm on Buffalo creek. The house occupied by John Wilson and family was struck by lightning between 12 and 1 o'clock. The family were all in bed at the time. The bolt came through the roof down the gable end of the house and struck Mrs. Wilson in the breast, killing her instantly. Their little son, William, was terribly shocked and died the next morning. The baby, which laid next to its mother was unharmed. Mr. Wilson was shocked so he could not move, and the bed having been set on fire he was compelled to lay there for a considerable time, the smudging fire gradually eating into his flesh. The only other occupant of the house was Mrs. Wilson's father, a feeble old man who could not get Mr. Wilson off the bed. He finally extinguished the fire, thus saving the life of the helpless man. Mr. Wilson was terribly burnt about the hips and thighs, and for months had to be lifted like a child, but he finally recovered.

## DEATH OF JOHN STAFFORD.

ONE of the saddest accidents of late years was

the accidental killing of John Stafford, son of Claib and Elizabeth Stafford of Cyclone, October 13, 1891. Young Stafford, with his brother Charley and several others, was working on the right of way of the railroad south of the river along Jim Williams field.

He and John LaGore were chopping down a tree that stood at the foot of a ledge of rock about four feet high. LaGore was on the lower side while Stafford was on the upper, between the tree and the rock wall. Suddenly, and before it was expected to fall, the tree split up some three feet, the butt flew back and caught him against the solid mass of stone, cutting off the right leg near the upper part of the thigh, and crushing the left leg from the knee to the ankle. As if satisfied with its terrible work the tree then lurched forward and pitched several feet down the hill.

The injured man was taken to the camp near the river where his leg was amputated, but the shock from the injury and the ordeal of having his limb severed was more than human strength could bear, and he died about 2 o'clock the next morning the injury having occurred the previous afternoon. He was a model young man, of steady habits, industrious and quiet and well liked by every one who knew him.



## DROWNING OF LITTLE CHARLEY CLARK.

ANOTHER sad case of drowning occurred at the lower end of what is called Big Rock, at the southeast part of Pineville. On the afternoon of April 22, 1890, he dug a can of bait, took his pole and line and went fishing. He was quite a little boy to go out all alone, being only seven the fall before. But, as he and many other boys were in the habit of going no uneasiness was felt until he failed to come home to supper. Dark came on and still he did not appear. The alarm was given and a search for the lost boy was begun. In a short time his can of bait was found on a large slanting rock that reached down to the water, and his pole lying across it. It was evident he had set down on the rock where he lost his balance and slipped into the water. The search for his body continued all through the night, but the water being muddy it was not found until nearly noon the next day. It had floated down a mile or more below town. Jim Brown, the same one who afterwards found the body of Lula Noel, was the first to discover it.

## A TRIPPLE DROWNING.

ONE of the saddest tragedies that is mingled with the warp and woof of the history of our

county, is the death of three boys by drowning.

On the 8, day of May, 1897, John Reece, aged 22, Harvy Reece, aged 19, Frank Reece, aged 9, three brothers and James Moulton, a boy 17 years old, were in a boat fishing in Elk River at the Bartley Bluff, a short distance below the residence of James Langley. They ran the boat to the left bank of the river on the opposite side from the bluff, where the water was comparatively still, and about six feet deep, intending to land. The bow of the boat struck the bank with some force causing it to suddenly start back. The shock threw John Reece, who was standing, off his balance and he pitched head first into the water. As he came up, his brother Harvy and the Moulton boy reached out and caught him. This turned the boat over and threw all four of the boys into the water. The little Reece boy caught to the limb of a tree that hung over the water and clung to it until rescued.

The older of the two Reece boys was a good swimmer and the other could swim some, but the Moulton boy could not swim at all. For some reason the skill of the two was unavailing and the three boys were soon lifeless on the pebbly bottom.

A couple of men were fishing some 150 yards below and heard their cries for help. At first they thought they were hollowing for fun as

was usual, but soon distinguished the tone of distress and ran to their assistance. They found the little boy still holding to the limb, and when they asked where the other boys were he said "There they are on the bottom of the river, drowned." They looked down in the clear water and there beheld the three dead bodies lying where the cruel hand of fate had rung down the curtain on the last tragic scene of their lives.

The parties lived some two miles south of Coy. Jimmie was the son of N. B. Moulton and wife, being her only child. The two Reece boys were the sons of a widow whose husband had met a tragic death a few months before. A tree had blown down near his house, and part of the roots were still clinging to the ground. They were at work on the tree and had sawed the trunk into, when the stump settled back towards an upright position, catching Mr Reece, who was standing at its base, under it and crushing him almost beyond recognition.

### BURNED TO DEATH.

The first of last week a sad and fatal accident occurred about eight miles northeast of Pineville in which Mrs. Proctor was burnt to death. She was standing with her back to the fire place when her skirts caught fire. Her two little girls ran

to her assistance, but besides burning their hands both of them caught fire. A young hired man hearing their screams ran in and seeing the children on fire, tore their clothing off before they were injured. In the meantime Mrs. Proctor ran out doors, around the house and all over the yard until she dropped from exhaustion and died in a short time. Her clothing was entirely destroyed, and in many places her body burnt to a crisp. Mr. Proctor was away at the time visiting relatives in Ark. The corps was kept until he could return and attend the funeral.—McDonald County Republican, January 25, 1895.

#### DEATH OF LEE SELLERS.

Wednesday afternoon between two and three o'clock Lee Sellers, one of the most prosperous and highly respected citizens of this county met with a tragical death near his home on Indian creek, about one mile east of Anderson. He and one of his sons were out in the hills loading a sawlog. They had placed the rope around it and were rolling it up with the team, when the rope gave way and the log rolled over Mr. Sellers and mashed him so that he died in a short time. The children, some of whom reside in the Territory, have all been notified, and the burial will take place at the Beaver Springs



cemetery today. The deceased owned a large farm on Indian creek about a mile east of Anderson and was well fixed for a comfortable life. He leaves a wife and several children.—  
McDonald County Republican February 22, 1895.

### JAMES MERANDA SUICIDES.

YESTERDAY afternoon James Meranda, a farmer who has been living near this place for the past twenty years, and for the last two years on Mrs. Chenoweth's place, one mile north of Pineville, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart with a rifle gun of 44 caliber. Mr. Meranda's wife died over two years ago, and he has been very despondent since, sometimes remarking that he thought of killing himself, but no one had any idea of his doing so. He had been in unusual low spirits for the last four or five days, but went about his work on the farm as usual, plowing until noon yesterday.

Shortly after noon he took his gun and started toward his corn crib, looking back as he walked off. His oldest daughter aged 17 years, thinking from his actions there was something wrong, asked him where he was going, when he replied that he was going to the crib to shoot a rat. He then went on and got in the crib and shot himself as above stated. His daughter, as soon

as hearing the report of the gun and him halloo, ran to the crib and found her father dying, with a bullet hole in his left breast, and his gun lying on one side of his body and the ramrod on the other, which goes to show that he used the ramrod to push the trigger. Deceased leaves six children—five girls and one boy their ages ranging from 2 to 17 years.—Pineville News, August 4, 1886.

#### A DOUBLE SUICIDE.

AMONG the ancient residents of Pineville were George Casbeer and his wife. He was dissipated and they lived very unhapily together. At last, tired of their troubles, they decided to end their lives. She agreed that if he would get the whisky, she would mix the poison, and they would drink their last draught together. The liquor was procured, and on a Sunday evening they filled their goblets to the brim and drank them to the very dregs. They were soon discovered in their agony, and told what they had done and why, but refused to take any antidote. She died the next day and he at night a few hours later.

Thus, in intense agony, ended the short tragedy of their lives. To them, marriage had been a failure, the blossom of love had withered, and

death came as a welcome messenger of peace. They left seven children who were taken care of by friends in Illinois. The above statement was furnished by a man who was an eye witness to the scene and heard them give their statements.

## CHAPTER X.

## SUMMARY JUSTICE.

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THE SLICKERS.

IN connection with this subject it might be in order to mention the Slickers. In the early settlement of the county a custom was established of laying claim to certain designated tracts of land and holding it against all new comers. A man would pick out his location on some water course, build his cabin and mark out a tract of land corresponding in size with the extent of his enterprise. Some would be satisfied with forty acres, others with eighty or a hundred, while a few ran into the thousands.

When the government survey was made this land was reported vacant. But little of it was in cultivation, and many of the claims were marked only by the blazes on the trees or an occasional stake driven down. New settlers coming in would inquire at the land office and, finding the land vacant, would enter portions of



it. These entries were opposed by the claimants and intimidation or open resistance used as occasion might require. As immigrants increased in number and their encroachments grew numerous, the claimants organized, and were called the Slickers. It was their province to see that all parties taking or attempting to take land claimed by an older settler were promptly waited on and induced to abandon the enterprise.

This sentiment was quite strong and extended throughout the entire county and embraced all classes of our people. It did not entirely die out until some years after the war. There were a few instances where the party was taken out and whipped, a few were compelled to leave the county, and some who had entered land were forced to deed it to the claimant.

One of the most noted cases was the contest between Mark Harmon and others. Harmon came to this county with considerable money and entered a fine body of land on Indian Creek near the mouth of Elk Horn. Several years previous, Jonathan Blair had located near the present site of McNatt's Mill, and laid claim to a tract extending some two miles up and down the creek bottom. Harmon's entry cut a big slice out of Blair's claim and he was notified of that fact. However he had paid his money and proposed to hold the land. He was remonstrated

with in a friendly manner and then threatened, but without effect. At last one day some thirty or forty men came to his house bringing with them a justice of the peace and a deed to the land properly filled out, also a rope, and he was given his choice between executing the deed and wearing the halter. They told him that as a man they had no objection to him and did not desire to do him harm, but the land must be given up. Mr. Harmon and his wife signed and acknowledged the deed under protest and a few years later went into the U. S. court and had the conveyance set aside and his title re-established.

### THE PINE WAR.

THIS interesting reminiscence has almost passed from the memory of our people and, were it not recorded here, in a few more years would be numbered among the forgotten incidents of long ago. I asked an old gray-haired gentleman about it, and he replied that it happened when he was quite a small boy, and he did not know much about it.

From the best information it has been possible to obtain it occurred in the very early settlement of the county and was practically over in 1845. Nearly all the lands in this county were govern-

mentlands, and there were extensive pine forests in the hills bordering on the two Sugar creeks and extending from Pineville to the east side of the county. There was also, considerable pine lands along the river west of Pineville and extending south to the Arkansas line. A number of saw mills were in operation manufacturing this pine timber. The United States marshals undertook to protect the timber. John B. King who operated a mill on Kings creek, and perhaps others, was arrested. Several were subpoenaed as witnesses. Mark Harmon was one of the leading spirits in favor of the prosecution, and had a few followers but people generally took the side of the mill men.

They gathered together in groups and discussed the matter, held meetings, passed resolutions and organized for the purpose of in every way obstructing and, if occasion should require, resisting the United States marshals. It was carried to such an extent that at Cassville a marshall was run clear out of the state, seeking refuge at Bentonville, Arkansas. The leader of this resistance, a Cassville lawyer, was sent to jail at St. Louis under a charge of treason, but was eventually released.

Of course the government eventually prevailed, but not until after much of the pine forests had been destroyed.

## ANNOYED BY PETTY THIEVES.

FOR several years after the close of the war the people in various parts of the county were more or less annoyed by pettytheiving. It got so bad that it was never safe to turn hogs on the range which to many was the chief source of profit. The masts were generally good and the range so extensive that hogs grew and fattened without other food. When the owners wanted meat they would usually kill direct from the mast, or feed a few weeks to harden the meat. The farmers on the narrow valleys who thus counted on supplying their own families and selling enough to provide other necessities, when the time came to collect their hogs, were often unable to find more than a few carcasses where they had been shot in the timber and the best parts taken by the thieves. An occasional heifer or a fat cow would "come up missing" in the same mysterious manner. Various prosecutions were instituted against suspected parties but few, if any, convictions were ever had.

The people in the vicinities where these offenses were most common, finding the law did not afford them sufficient protection on account of the failure of the evidence, concluded to take the matter in their own hands. A few of the suspected parties were warned to leave the



county. They were generally worthless characters that had temporarily settled in some remote ridge or hollow, and were without visible means of support. Sometimes a bundle of switches would be left with the note of warning. From 1882 to 1884 some three or four parties were whipped and a few others visited by a committee, but the offenders happened to be absent and thus escaped.

In 1883 old man Bird, who had settled on some land near James Tatum's farm in Beaver valley, was taken out one night and severely whipped. Bird claimed the chastisement was administered for settling on the land, but the committee said it was for appropriating his neighbor's swine without authority or due process of law. A man named Martin was subjected to a similar treatment. Also one Joy in the vicinity of Indian Springs was taken out one cold night and thoroughly dressed down. When turned loose he started off on a run and did not stop until he got to Pools Prairie in Newton county where he crawled into a straw stack and finished the night. The next morning the owner went out to the stack, and seeing a pair of boots sticking out of the straw roused him out and asked if it wasn't a pretty cold birth. Joy replied "If you'd been where I was last night, you would have thought it pretty d—n hot!" If he

kept on at the rate at which he started, it is likely that Mr. Joy fried his pork a few weeks later at the camp fire which he kindled out of the north pole. There was much difference of opinion among the people as to these proceedings and a persistent effort was made to punish the parties who were engaged in these nightly administrations of "justice." Various persons were arrested and in one trial before a justice of the peace the evidence seemed conclusive that two of the parties held loaded pistols on the complainant while others did the whipping. At the discovery of this evidence, J. C. Cole, prosecuting attorney, asked the justice to discharge the jury and hold the defendants to answer for a felony. The justice sustained the motion and put the defendants under bond to await the action of the grand jury. Before that time arrived the complainants had moved away and the prosecutions were dismissed.

While these matters were serious, and it is to be regretted that they, or the circumstances which led to them ever occurred, there were many amusing incidents connected with them. It was during the progress of one of these trials that a witness swore that Mart Epperson was one of the parties that whipped him, giving as his reason for knowing who it was that he saw and identified Epperson at the time. To the

surprise and consternation of his friends and attorneys Epperson remarked in a crowd. "That feller swore to a d—n lie, for I had my coat turned wrong side out and a handkerchief over my face, and he couldn't see who it was."

It was about this time that the Law and Order Brotherhood sprang into existence. It is said to have numbered over four hundred members and included many of the best citizens of our county. Its province was to aid in the enforcement of the law and it no doubt did much to put a check to the perpetration of crime in our county.

These comparatively mild applications were followed later by the killing of Garland Mann in the Neosho jail and the hanging of Irwin Grubb and Canada Bill. After these events murders were much less frequent and the petty thieving almost entirely ceased. Prosecution in our courts have been much more effective, convictions having been the rule rather than the exception, as before, and our people almost universally rejoice that there is no necessity for further invoking mob violence.

### BURNING OF THE OLD JAIL.

IN February, 1888, while old man Bird and a couple of other prisoners were confined in the

old jail at Pineville, on a conviction for stealing chickens and geese, it took fire and burnt down. The jail was a log structure with a door on top through which ingress and egress was made. The floor was composed of three layers of hewn logs, the second laid cross-wise of the first and the third across the second, the three layers being about eighteen inches thick. When the fire got started down into the cracks of the floor there was no chance to get water to it and no way to tear it up. The people of Pineville and vicinity turned out almost to a man and worked all day carrying and hauling water trying to save the old building. While they were thus at work the prisoners, who had been removed to the court house, stood at the windows and jeered at the men at work trying to extinguish the fire.

Their day of jubilee, however, did not last through the night. Tired and wet and muddy, the men were not in a mood to be ridiculed with impugntiy, besides it was thought the prisoners had fired the building with hopes of making their escape.

The prisoners were placed in charge of J. F. Fulkerson, constable of the township, to guard through the night. Along in the early part of the night some one called to him to come down stairs, that Kenney, the jailer, wanted to come



up. He came down, and the moment he opened the door he was seized by a couple of men. Others went up and got the prisoners who were just getting into bed. They were taken off up the ridge northwest of town a short distance, Fulkerson being taken by the guards along a few yards back of the crowd. He fired his pistol a few times to give the alarm, but the citizens who saw the mob either thought the prisoners were escaping, or did not feel disposed to interfere. Kenney, the Jailer, followed in dead earnest to recover the prisoners, but he missed the way and went the wrong road, running until he was entirely out of breath and exhausted.

The prisoners were very much frightened and thought they were going to be hung. Old man Bird said to them in a very solemn and impressive voice. "Do you know there is a hell?" One of the mob replied, "yes by, — and we are going to give you a taste of it." When they reached a spot that was convenient and sufficiently secluded, they halted and prepared to administer the whipping. Old man Bird was asked if he had not been whipped once before. He replied that he had for preempting a piece of land. He was then told he could take another for preempting a goose. He was then given a severe whipping, the shreds of his shirt being left on the withes that were used. One of the

boys was given a few licks, and the other one excused with a reprimand. They were then turned loose with an injunction to leave the county. Fulkerson was also discharged and sent back to town. The three prisoners found their way to W. R. Barnes' house, where they were supplied with shoes, and went on to A. J. Watkins'. He gave them a firebrand and directed them to a vacant house, but they failed to find it and built up a fire and staid in the woods all night. They suffered intensely through the night and the next morning they returned to Watkins' nearly frozen, the weather being very cold. They were given breakfast and then went to their homes.

Bird and his family remained in the county for some time swearing eternal vengeance, but no attempt was made to execute their threats. An effort was made by the next grand jury to investigate the matter, but no one knew anything until after the case was barred by limitation.

## CHAPTER XI.

## WAR STORIES.

THE history of this county during the Civil War is one that is difficult to write, and about which there is much difference of opinion and many conflicting reports. The inhabitants of the county up to that time were principally from the southern states, and a majority considered that their interests were with the southern people. At the same time there was a strong Union element among them who resisted secession until the war was begun, when they cast their fortunes with the Confederacy. There was still another element, largely in the minority in this county, that remained loyal to the last. Many of these were from the southern states, and the animosities engendered between them and their old neighbors were bitter to an extreme known only in war times and between citizens of those states. It was a time that truly "tried men's souls." It laid bare to the public gaze the true character of men and re-

vealed them in all their moral corruption or noble humanity as could be done under no other conditions. The results of this ordeal were quite the opposite to what in many cases were expected. Men who had been regarded as timid became the bravest of soldiers. Some who stood well in the community were the first to avail themselves of the opportunity to rob and plunder, while others who were regarded as rather "tough," became prominent in their efforts to restrain violence. Those who entered the regular service, as a rule, became honorable soldiers and conducted themselves in a manner becoming civilized warfare. The deeds of cruelty were generally the work of bands organized either for plunder or revenge.

The acts of heroism, if all recounted, would fill a volume much larger than this. There are many instances where the ties of friendship and love of humanity rose far above the passion and hatred of war. Time and again, both Union and Confederate men and women have taken their lives in their hands, as it were, and gone at the dead hour of night for miles over these lonely hills and valleys, to warn men of the opposite side who they knew were at home to visit their families, of approaching danger. Often the warning came in time and the intended victim would vanish in the darkness and ad-



jacent thicket as he heard the clatter of the approaching foe. Sometimes the sound of shots and shrieks of women and children greeted the ears of the messenger before he reached his goal and inscribed on his or her heart the words, "too late."

The military operations of this section of country were so connected with the movements of the opposing armies that it becomes more a matter of general than local history and it is not the province of this book to detail the same. A few incidents of the war which are true beyond peradventure will be more interesting to our people than an account of the actions of the troops.

As an example of the feelings which often existed between Union and Confederates the following is given which was told the writer several years ago by the party himself. A raid was made into this county by a detachment of Kansas troops and among a number of prisoners captured was E. Caulk, since deceased, who lived on Patterson creek near the state line. A good deal of bad work had been done by bushwhackers and feeling ran high. The prisoners were taken to Baxter Springs and kept under close guard waiting to be identified, and their fate determined. When questioned, Mr Caulk told the officer he was a Confederate,

but did not belong to the army and was opposed to the action of the bushwhackers. He was trying to stay at home and attend to his own affairs. After a few days confinement, a couple of Union men who were acquainted with him came into camp. When recognized he knew his fate was in their hands but as there had never been any particular friendship between them he was in doubt as to the result. In a short time he was called up before the commander and discharged with a pass home and provisions for the journey. The two men had stated that he was an honest, inoffensive citizen and they were willing to vouch for his good conduct.

#### DEATH OF MAJOR SMITH.

A pathetic, but pretty story, is related of the death of Major Smith of the Confederate army. Moses Woodman Smith, a native of Maine, was teaching school at Pineville in 1861. He was boarding at the home of C. B. Walker, a staunch Union man. He and Mr. Walker's daughter, Miss Jennie, now Mrs. Dan Harmon, were engaged to be married. When the war broke out, Mr. Smith raised a company and entered the Confederate service. Soon afterward he was promoted to the rank of Major. The attachment between the two young people, and the ties of

friendship between him and her family were not in the least severed by their different views in regard to the war. On many occasions an opportunity was afforded in which one could shield or protect the other, and such chances were never neglected. At one time while he was visiting at the Walker home the Federals made a raid on the town. A brother of the Major's, suspecting he was there called and asked to see him. He begged of Jennie to reveal his hiding place, promising that he only wanted to visit him as a brother, and would not betray her secret. His appeal was denied, and after all danger was over the Major came down from the garrett, and in a short time was with his command.

The Walker family finding it unsafe to live here moved to Newtonia where there was a Federal post.

When General Price made his raid through this part of the state, Major Smith had another opportunity to visit his affianced wife, and made the Walker home his headquarters. When the Union forces sent to retake the place were advancing, and the battle of Newtonia began, which was some distance from the town, she begged him not to go into the fight. He promised her he would not, but when he rode out and saw the battle raging, his zeal overcame him,

and he was soon in the midst of the contending forces. He was wounded, and when found on the field, was taken to the house of Mr. Weems an Uncle to Miss. Walker. Hearing of his condition, she first obtained the consent of her parents and went to take care of him. One bullet had struck just above the knee injuring the artery. The attending surgeon informed him that a slight aggravation of the wound would sever the artery, and produce death, at the same time stating that amputation of the limb was the only way to save his life. He stated that he would rather take his chances than to loose his limb. Here he was nursed by Jennie, she frequently singing to him his favorite song, "A Soldier of the Legion lay dying." But there was no "Lack of woman's nursing," no "Dearth of woman's tears," for kind hands and tender hearts, all true and loyal to their country, rendered every assistance in their power. Some five or six days afterward the wound sloughed into the artery and he bled to death in a few moments.

#### ESCAPED ON SHELBY'S HORSE.

When that gallant Confederate cavalryman, General Shelby, made his raid on Neosho and captured it, a considerable number of prisoners



were taken. Among the rest were David and John Harmon. These two men had incurred the enmity of the Confederates by the active part they had taken in the local military affairs. When the town was taken David Harmon dropped his two revolvers in the weeds near the court house, and concealed them.

He was dressed in a loose homespun hunting shirt and trousers, that very much resembled the Confederate gray. While the Union prisoners were being marched to the courtroom on the upper floor of the court house, he says one of the guards set his gun down and went for a drink of water. Harmon watched his opportunity and picking up the gun began walking the beat in the place of the guard. A moment later General Shelby and the sheriff of the county rode up, and leaving their horses, started to the court house. The general's horse had been trained to stand without being tied. As the two men passed near Harmon, he had his hat pulled down, and his head turned to avoid recognition by the sheriff who knew him, and kept leisurely walking his beat. He heard the sheriff remark as they passed by that he wanted to go up stairs and see if any of those Harmons were there, if so, they had lived long enough. They passed into the court house and Dave walked to where he had dropped his pistols, picked them up, and

mounted Shelby's horse. The other guards, having seen the general just pass, supposed he had been sent to take charge of the animal, and made no protest. He rode unconcernedly down the street, past the guards and into the woods, before the ruse was discovered. The horse was a splendid animal, and carried him safe from all pursuit into the Federal lines.

His brother, John, was placed with a few other prisoners in the back room of an old house, the guards remaining in the front room. There was a door to the room in which the prisoners were kept, but it had been locked. In the night, and while the guards engaged in a game of cards in the front room by the light of the fire, Harmon silently unlocked the door with an old key he happened to have in his pocket, and escaped in the darkness of the night. He eluded all the guards and pickets, and before daylight came was several miles away.

#### HOW JUDGE NUTTING CAME TO JOIN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.

THE following account will not only be of interest as a personal reminiscence, but is a fair example of the way in which many of our citizens came to enter the service of either army.

When the war broke out George Nutting

lived on what is now the Royal Harrington farm on Buffalo, which he had owned for several years. Mr. Nutting died in February, 1862, and his wife, step-mother to the Nutting children, in March following. Wash., the oldest son, had enlisted in the Union army, state troops, and M. L. (Bud) was at Neosho suffering from wounds received the previous summer, and J. W., then a boy of fifteen years, was left to look after the farm. His sister Martha (Mrs. D. H. Mathews) had charge of the family of five little children. Their father had been a Union man, but tried to remain neutral.

John had raised a crop that year of twenty-five acres of corn and about the same of oats. The oats were cut and he was binding them while damp early in the morning and late at night. One evening after working until dark he went home, and in a few moments a squad of some fifteen or twenty men rode up and wanted oats for their horses. They went to the field, got what they wanted and the leader gave him a gold dollar. They camped for the night but left before daylight. The next morning while he was out binding oats a company of Federal troops under Lieutenant Brown came along. The Lieut. called Nutting out to the road where the following conversation took place:

“Who were those fellows you fed last night?”

“I don’t know who they were.”

“Yes you do; don’t lie to me.”

I don’t know; they had on Federal clothes.”

“I know you; what are you?”

“Nothing.”

“I’ll make something out of you. I say, what are you?”

“If we could have the Union like it was, I’d be for the Union.”

At this the Lieutenant drew his pistol, cocked it, and placing the muzzle against the boy’s breast, hissed between his teeth, “I say, what are you?”

“I’m Union.”

“Go back to your work, and if I catch you a hundred yards off the place, your scalp’s mine.”

The company rode on, and Nutting returned to his work. It was not long before he heard the rattle of small arms. The two forces had met at the Ford of Buffalo a short distance above where George Keenan now lives, and a sharp engagement took place.

Nutting felt that he might be blamed for any disaster to the Union troops so he ran home, got a shot gun and pistol which he had kept hidden, and secreted himself on the hill above the house. In about two hours the troops came back. After a short stop at the house, and not finding him, they went on up the creek.



John came down in a few moments and was standing in the hallway when he heard a man coming from the field. As he turned the corner of the house Nutting covered him with his revolver. The fellow threw up his hand and said 'Don't shoot, I am a friend.' He said he was d—n hungry, and stated that his horse had been killed in the fight and he was going to Jasper county and steal the best horse they had. His name was Yocum, a son of the commander of the Confederate squad. Nutting saddled his horse and left that evening. He was able to slip in home a few times on a few moments visit but in a short time enlisted at Beaver Springs under Major Smith and served in the Confederate army until the close of the war.

#### A SCRAP AT ENTERPRISE.

IN the late summer or early fall of 1863 a Confederate regiment under Col. Coffee was camped at Enterprise. They were attacked by the First Ark. Cavalry and a pretty hot fight ensued. The Ark. troops had two small field pieces which they brought into play and the Confederates retreated to Scott's mill where the fight ended.

#### REMOVAL OF THE HOPKINS FAMILY.

BENJAMIN HOPKINS and family, staunch Union

people, lived on what is now known as the Polk farm which is a mile above Tiff City on Buffalo Creek. Matters grew pretty warm for them and they could neither safely remain at home, nor take their effects away.

Early in the spring of 1862 a detachment under Major Hubbard was sent from Neosho to escort them to the Federal lines. They had a couple of six-pounders with them which they brought into use to disperse squads of men who had assembled on the hills with a view to firing on the escort should they collect a sufficient body. Daniel Dobbs, Jim Dobbs Fayette Price, and perhaps a few others were on the point of the bluff near the old Camp Shed, when a few shots from the cannon were fired at them. Of course they hustled out of range. As they went on up the creek they saw about forty men under Isbell on the hill back of W. C. Price's house. The cannon were turned loose on them and some fifteen or twenty shots were fired. The Confederates dispersed without firing a shot and the escort returned to Neosho unharmed.

#### A FATAL MISTAKE.

IN the summer of 1862 Major Doubleday with a part of the 2nd Ohio was sent on a scout down Buffalo creek and the west part of this county. They were making prisoners of every man they

came to. As they went down Buffalo they captured two Wetherspoon boys who were at work in the field. The scout went on down to the river and came back the next day. John Dobbs and M. L. Nutting had taken to the brush with their horses the day before, not from any hostile feelings towards the Union troops but through fear of being taken prisoners or losing their horses. After the troops had gone up the road and, as they supposed were out of the way, they came down to dinner. Hearing the Wetherspoon boys had been released, they started up to their place to see how they had been treated. A short distance above the upper end of the Nutting farm, they were suddenly confronted by a detachment of the troops. Here they made a fatal mistake. Had they surrendered they would have been examined and released in a short time. But they attempted to escape. They ran down the level road some two hundred yards and were leading the troops, but there they left the road and started up the point of the hill. This checked their speed and their pursuers ran up to the foot of the hill and fired. Dobbs fell dead and Nutting received a minnie ball at the left of his back bone and it was cut out in front of his stomach; one ball entered the back part of his hip and was taken out in front, a third gave him a flesh wound in the wrist. In a moment or two the

Captain came up and when he looked at him exclaimed: "Why that boy lives back there where I got dinner; They are as fine people as I ever met!" He expressed regret at the wounding of Bud, and spoke in very high terms of the family. Bud was afterwards taken to Neosho where he eventually recovered and is now living near Splitlog.

#### DEATH OF TIMOTHY WIMPEY.

THE WIMPEY boys had quite a varied career during the war. Mr Wimpey lived on Beaver valley near the mouth of the long hollow that runs up to Splitlog. One night the old gentleman and a small boy had gone up the fence a short distance from the house to look after some stock. A band of bushwhackers happened along and took his hat, coat, shoes and pants, and left the old man to return to the bosom of his family with the cool April breeze chanting requiems through the flapping tail of his nether and only garment.

Two of his sons were conscripted into the Southern Army. One made his escape in a short time, but the other was afterwards killed in a battle down near the Mississippi River.

Tim was but a boy and remained in this county. He had been reported to be in the habit of giving



aid and information to the bushwhackers. The following account of his death and the cause given in the report was furnished by C. D. Wimpey, a brother to the deceased.

Tim had been at McRae's helping the women kill hogs. It was along in the evening and he and the women were snowballing, when a party of Indian scouts under Capt. Stevens came along and took him prisoner. They went on down the creek about two miles where they halted and the Captain ordered two Indians to shoot him. He was shot twice in the head and then stabbed.

His brothers, Jim and William, both loyal men, made complaint to General Blunt and the matter was investigated. Capt. Stevens reported that on coming down the creek they had captured Nathaniel McRae, who convinced him that he, McRae, was a good, loyal citizen, but told him that Tim Wimpey was a bad bushwhacker. He said they would find him on down the creek helping some women kill hogs. He was but a boy, but very dangerous.

The reason given for McRae's animosity is that he attempted to steal Wimpey's horse some time before that and Tim would have killed him had his gun not missed fire.

## MISCELLANEOUS INCIDENTS.

The first Union man killed in the war is said to have been William Hamlin, who was shot by Rice Robinson, in April, 1861. Mark Harmon and Russell Spencer were killed early in 1862 on account of their unswerving loyalty to the government. These were followed later by many murders and depredations committed by the Confederates, generally bands of bushwhackers.

The Union people suffered the most severely during the raid of the Confederates in 1861 and 1862 but were never safe until after the close of war. The number of Union men killed in this county has never been fully ascertained.

Bands of Union scouts were constantly making raids through this county and a spirit of retaliation was often manifested. A number of men were shot down in retaliation for like offenses perpetrated on their friends, and many more killed with arms as bushwhackers. Upwards of forty men of this county were thus killed during the four years of the war. This does not include those killed in battle, or in actual service.

Nearly every man and boy able to carry a gun was in the service on one side or the other. More than a hundred and fifty from this county

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served in the Confederate army, while a hundred, or more, were enlisted in the United States or State service for the Union.

Among the leading bushwhackers was Bill Hinson, who burnt the court house at Pineville in 1863. He or some of his gang also burnt Hugh L. Testerman's house and the residence of C. B. Walker. He was afterwards shot at Neosho.

On the Union side, Lieut. Christian was a terror to the evil doers. He was possessed of great bravery and his expeditions into this county were very much dreaded by his foes. He was afterwards killed and scalped by the Confederates. Col. Kelso was the most noted Union scout in this section of the state. He made many dangerous and daring expeditions, and became an object of equal dread and hatred to the bushwhackers. He however escaped unharmed and after serving a term in Congress after the close of the war, went to the Rocky Mountains where he made quite a fortune.

A detachment of Prices army were camped near Pineville in October 1861.

Hugh Testerman had quite a lot of apples in his orchard to which the soldiers freely helped themselves. Mrs. Testerman, his first wife, gathered a lot of the apples and put them away near the house. A few of the soldiers got after

these one day, and she promptly ordered them away. One of them refused to obey and was proceeding to help himself when she shot him, inflicting a dangerous wound. The fellow was laid up for some time, but it is believed that he finally got well.

This put a check on the apple stealing, but came very near costing "Uncle Hugh" his life. The comrades of the wounded man seized Mr. Testerman and would have killed him, but the Confederate commander ordered his release and placed a guard to protect his property.

In the early part of the war Col. Shields of Southwest City, recently deceased, was taken prisoner by a company of Kansas troops and was about to be shot when John Martin of Pineville, a Union man, secured his release.

On another occasion J. P. LaMance, who at that time held a commission in the Confederate service, was on the point of being executed by some Union troops, when John V. Hargrove interfered and saved his life. As an officer Mr. LaMance had been very lenient towards Union men, and did his utmost to save their lives and property. Afterwards, when the control of this county had shifted to the other side, his kindness was remembered by his old neighbors.

On June 23, 1862, there was a skirmish at



Pineville between the Second Wisconsin Cavalry and the Confederates under Major Russell. The latter were defeated, with the loss of several prisoners and considerable property.

At another time the Federal army was advancing down the valley towards Pineville and a detachment was sent in advance down the ridge. They planted four cannon on the point of the hill north of Testerman's house and threw a number of shells over the town and in the bottom across the river where the Price farm now is. The Confederates had retreated a short time before, and the Union army passed through and went on up Little Sugar.

In August, 1863, there was a sharp engagement in the bottom just across the river from Pineville between Col. Coffee with about 500 Confederates and a portion of the Sixth Mo. Cavalry. Coffee lost quite a number wounded and prisoners and much of his munitions.

Jim Cowan reports a little fight on Granny's Branch in which he was a participant. He was with a company of Union soldiers who were out on a scout. Some three or four were some distance in advance when they were suddenly fired on by fifteen or twenty of the enemy. A running fight ensued, the balance of the party coming up in a short time. Four or five of the Confederates were wounded but no one was hurt on the other side.

M. N. LaMance had a very narrow escape from death at the hands of some Kansas troops. They took him prisoner at his home in Pineville, he being then a mere boy, and had the rope around his neck to hang him. His mother ran into the crowd and begged for his life. For some time she was repelled and every effort but force was used to induce her to leave. At last some one set fire to their house and, pointing to it told her to go and save it. She refused, saying, "No, the house may burn, but I must save my boy." This touched the hard hearts of his would be executioners and they went and extinguished the fire and then released the boy. This was the principal cause of his joining the Southern army which he did soon afterwards.

#### A VENDETTA.

THE following story of vengeance being meet-ed out to the perpetrators of a crime is related as told by one who claims to know the facts and vouches for the truth of the statements.

As has been before related, Mark Harmon was killed by a band of men early in 1862 for being a loyal man. He had been away and was on his way home when he was met by a possee of nineteen men. Knowing that his life had been threatened, he took refuge behind a tree

and determined to sell his life as dearly as possible. His enemies without exposing themselves gradually formed a circle around the tree and soon brought him down with their rifles.

His son Dan was in California, but David and John were here in the Southwest. Besides his sons Mr. Harmon had many friends among whom was Col. Kelso, who determined that his murder should not go unavenged. They made enquiry in the neighborhood and ascertained from different women that a band of nineteen men were in the neighborhood that day, a few of whom they knew. Not long afterwards one of these men was taken prisoner some two or three counties east of here. He would have been summarily dealt with, but Harmon's friends requested that he be delivered to them. They took him off some distance from the camp and told him they would give him one chance for his life.

If he would give the names of all the party that killed Mark Harmon, they would turn him loose and not pursue him until he had an hour's start. If they caught him after that they would kill him. He accepted their terms, gave the names of the other eighteen and made his escape. He went east and joined the Federal army and some time afterwards was shot for insubordination.

A careful and systematic investigation was

then made and the truth of his statement as to the guilty parties fully verified. From that day they were a doomed set of men. For three years their pursuers hung on their trail, neither giving nor asking mercy. Before the close of the war seventeen of the band were killed. One man by the name of Adams went to Texas soon after Harmon's death and is said to be the only one of them who escaped. On the other hand it is claimed that there were two living in Texas after the war.

The incidents of the cruel war might be extended indefinitely, but the foregoing are sufficient to give to the rising generation an idea of what our people on both sides did and suffered during the four years of the Great Civil War.



## CHAPTER XII.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

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THE JULY FLOOD.

Pineville News, July 19, 1883.—

Last Saturday was a day that will long be remembered by the citizens of the Southwest as the occasion of the heaviest rainfall ever witnessed in this county. The rain here began about daylight Saturday morning and continued during the entire day, occasionally abating only to come again with increased fury, until the whole face of the earth seemed one solid sheet of water. The damage done in McDonald county is almost incalculable. The roads are washed out until in many places it is impossible to pass with wagons, while farmers who live along the various water courses in the county, have suffered, in many instances, irreparable loss, their fences having been washed away and growing crops overflowed and washed up until it is impossible for them to mature into anything like a medium yield.

The Cow Skin river at this place was three

feet higher than ever known by the oldest citizens, and some estimates place it five feet higher than in 1872.

Among those who have lost most heavily, commencing at Jasper Brown's saw mill on Big Sugar Creek, is the school district in which the mill was located, lost the lumber that it had bought to build a new school house, while many individuals lost small amounts of lumber they had had sawed and left stacked in the yard. The farmers along down the creek lost all their fences that were on the bottoms. I. H. Prater who lives on what is known as the St. John farm says there were 10,000 rails washed away on that farm and fifty acres overflowed. The water rose until it stood three inches deep in Abraham Price's house, and the entire bottom below was submerged. J. H. Hannah's saw mill was washed away, also all his saw logs and a lot of lumber. The Langley boys lost 1,000 bu. of old corn they had penned up near the river. Pleas Manning lost nearly all of his wheat, as did Judge Shambaugh. It is estimated that ten thousand dollars would not repay the damages done on the three farms belonging to Messers Manning, Langley and Shambaugh.

The damages on Indian and Buffalo creeks were equally as great as that on the other streams mentioned. Taking all together \$150,000 would not more than replace the damage done in the county.

## HIDDEN TREASURES.

DURING the war, Asberry Carter, a single man twenty five or thirty years of age, was one of the residents of Pineville. He was possessed of considerable means, in cash which he kept buried at various places in the vicinity, frequently moving it. J. H. Moffett informs me that he saw one place near where Mr. Foley now lives, where Carter had dug up his money. At another time Mr. Moffett saw where he had dug it up from between two oaks or black jacks on the south side of the river near where Abe Price now lives. It is also reported that it was once buried in what is now Neff's field. The amount is \$2,600, about \$1,900 in gold, the remainder, I believe, all in silver.

One day in 1862 or 1863, Carter went down the river to Thomas Bradley's, who lived about two and one-half miles below Pineville on what is now known as the Bonebrake farm. While there a couple of Indians came along and he and Bradley traded, or talked of trading hats or some other small article with them. One of the Indians got hold of a handkerchief of Carter's which he did not wish to part with. He snatched it from the Indian's hand whereupon the Indian shot him dead.

As Mr. Carter had never revealed to any one the place where his money was buried, it remains a secret to this day. Some think it is on the bluff east of Mrs. Yonce's residence. Others say it was down the river bottom not far from the grave yard. Others think it is near the school house. For many years after the war hundreds of searches were made, and every spot that indicated that the soil had been broken was dug up and examined. As late as the summer of 1895 an old gentleman from Kansas thought he had the place located. He was seen day after day near the school house a few yards in front of the dwelling of the writer stepping off the ground first one way and then another, as if carefully measuring the locality. After several days surveying he located the place at the root of a small tree, claiming the money had been hidden in a hollow stump at that point.

Taking a few men into his confidence, he repaired there one night with pick and shovel and made a search. They ascertained the fact that the tree was growing from an old stump that had practically rotted away, but no money was found.

Thus ended the last, as all former searches had ended, in disappointment, and the fortune of Asberry Carter still lies hidden near our little town, perhaps within a stone's throw of the home of some family who are suffering for the comforts of life.



## HENRY SHELL'S MONEY.

HENRY SCHELL, father of the several men of that name who now live in this county, was one of the oldest settler of Mountain township. By his thrift and industry he had not only acquired a good farm, but had considerable money which he kept about the place. When the war came up he kept his money buried as a precaution against robbers which infested the county. The exact amount is not known, but is suspected to be something over \$300. On July 11, 1863, Mr. Schell was killed by some Union scouts who were on a raid in this section of the state. He had never revealed to any one the place where the money was secreted. After the war was over the family felt that they would be safe in possession of it, and began to search for it. Every nook and corner of the premises and buildings was hunted over time and again. The garden was plowed several times and every particle of dirt examined, but years passed by without any return for their labor. Finally some of the money was found in an old stump, the amount not remembered. One day an arrangement had been made for all the interested parties to meet and continue the search. None came but Henry and Jessee Schell, two of the sons. They went

to an old stable that was about rotted down and concluded to search there. On digging down by one of the logs they found two hundred and fifty odd dollars. Of the amount found \$112 was in gold, the balance in silver. There is one package of fifty dollars that has never been found. Among the money found in the stable was a 1-frank piece, a 37 1-2 cent piece and one counterfeit 50 cent piece. Phillip Schell still has these as keepsakes which he prizes very highly.

## A WOLF STORY.

N. C. STAFFORD and J. H. Cowan, both respectable citizens of Cyclone township, relate quite an interesting adventure with black wolves. When the war ended they, with a few others returned to Sugar creek and all but Stafford went down to Jack Hampton's, he being the only man then left in that vicinity. A turkey hunt had been planned for the night and the party were to meet about dark for that purpose. Stafford, instead of going down to Hampton's, went up to the Stafford premises. He found the timber all on fire and the buildings burning. On his way up he soon heard the sniff of a wolf. Soon another and another, and before he reached where the stables were on fire they were howling within a few yards and becoming more numerous. He went on to where the dwelling was on fire, but the pack grew more numerous and daring, so he made his way a short distance down the hill to an old log building, which had been used as a school house. He took refuge in this from which he was rescued in a short time by the party who were to meet him at the Stafford place to hunt turkeys.

There was an abundance of game before the war but during that four years it was practically unmolested and increased in great abundance. The woods were full of turkeys and it was an easy matter to find their roosting places and slip up and shoot them in the night. This was the principal way of killing them by some hunters. Such was the plan for the evening in question, and they proceeded in quest of the game. The wolves, however were turkey hungry too, and followed the party, keeping in the dark so as to be out of danger of their rifles. Plenty of roosts were found and many shots were fired, but in every instance where the turkey fell more than a few yards from the hunters, it was grabbed by a wolf and carried away before they could get to it. Only getting three turkeys during the night out of perhaps as many dozen, the wolves getting the balance. There were a number of dogs along, but after one or two ventures, they could not be driven from the feet of their master.



## ADVENTURE WITH A DEER.

N. C. STAFFORD AND J. H. COWAN recount an adventure with a deer that for a time looked quite serious for the parties engaged. They were out hunting and came up with a buck which one of them had wounded where the dogs had caught it in a deep hole in the creek. Mr. Cowan caught it by one horn and pulled it along the drift to the shore where they threw it on its back and prepared to cut its throat. Stafford drew his long hunting knife, but as the cold steel touched the deer's throat it struck Stafford's hand with its hind foot peeling the skin from his wrist to his knuckles, while the knife whizzed away and stuck in the ground several yards distant. This left them unarmed and they could neither hold on nor let go with safety, but they finally stunned it with rocks so it could be finished with a knife. These two men for some three or four years after the war were engaged in hunting most of the time. A favorite method of killing deer was by "shining their eyes", as it was called. The two would hunt together at night, one carrying a torch while the other carried the gun. The deer would stand and look at the light as though in wonder, while the hunter would take aim between its glistening orbs and bring it down. Besides deer and turkey, they would occasionally get a bear or panther.

## CAPTURING A BEAR.

A few years before the war a large black bear on several occasions was seen to take refuge in a cave at the forks of Granny's branch, where is now Joe Mustine's field near Cyclone. Numerous attempts were made to get him out, but without success. One or more parties started to enter the cave and kill or drive him out. But the bear showed fight, and they beat a hasty retreat. Fires were then built in the mouth of the cave to smoke him out. After being satisfied that the bear was overcome with the smoke, they waited until it cleared away when three men with torches started in to search for him. In a few moments they heard a faint cry and one of the three came staggering back with the word that the other two were overcome with "fire damp" and he had just strength to return and give the alarm. Seizing larger torches to drive off the foul air, others rushed to the rescue of their two comrades and brought them out perfectly limber and apparently lifeless. On being returned to the fresh air, however, they soon revived. The dead bear, which weighed about 400 pounds was afterwards taken out, but the meat had spoilt.

## CLAIB STAFFORD'S FIRST BEAR.

MR. STAFFORD relates the following account of killing his first bear. His father had a corn field and bear were so numerous that they had taken to it and were destroying the corn like a gang of hogs. Claib was quite a small boy, but his father sent him around the field one day to see if all was right, allowing him to take the gun. He heard a noise in the corn near where a large log was lying, at the side of which grew a sapling. He saw something black by this little tree which he thought was a large coon. He put his gun through the fence, took aim at the center of its breast and fired. Being a little uncertain as to his game he started back home, but soon met his father who had heard the gun fire and had started to see what was up. Together they approached the log, and there lay a large bear shot through the heart. The log had concealed the lower part of its body, and its head was hid by the corn and branches of the sapling, exposing only a small part of its breast which he took to be a coon on the side of the little tree.

## ROBBERY OF THE McDONALD COUNTY BANK.

TUESDAY morning, August 17, 1897, about ten o'clock our usually quiet town was thrown into a fever of excitement by the robbery of the McDonald County Bank.

Mr. Shields was sitting under the awning north of the door, Mr. LaMance just to his left and Mr. Manning was sitting just inside of the door. All three were quietly talking when two men suddenly came around the corner of the building from the north side and told Shields and Manning they wanted the money and wanted it d—n quick. Mr. Shields began to remonstrate when he was promptly knocked over with a winchester, and sent on his all-fours after the cash. They were followed into the vault by one of the robbers a medium sized man who kept his winchester presented and with much profanity and threatening urged them to hurry. He produced a sack and compelled them to throw in the money. The other, a large, tall man stood in the door, guarded LaMance and kept watch of the outside movements. He was cautioned by the robber inside to keep his eye on the hardware.

Kin McDonald and Mrs. Plumlee who had just driven up to the hitch rack in a buggy were



were greeted with the remark, "You just sit still and you sha'nt be hurt." Of course Kin complied.

LaMance stood twirling a bunch of keys and talking to the man in the door, and at one time the fellow laughed at one of LaMance's droll remarks. He would probably have been thrown off his guard had his demeanor not been observed by the leader inside, who cautioned him to watch more carefully.

They had come into town from the Big Sugar Creek road and hitched their horses at the back of Wear's lot just west of the Baptist church. A small young man, or boy, part Indian was left in the street in front of Col. Hooper's residence. Brit Hooper and Mr. Case who happened to be near were held up by him, and he remarked to Brit that it was no use to get excited in a time like that.

Of course it all came like a flash of lightning from a clear sky. The first who saw it thought it was some boys scuffling, but as soon as the alarm was given men began to run for guns. But few could be found and most of them were not loaded.

Inside of three minutes they had secured the cash and started for their horses, compelling Shields and Manning to march at a lively trot in front of them thus preventing any shots being

fired as they retreated. The robbers rode out as they came in, and a fourth of a mile above Terman's house they met little Floyd Shields and exchanged horses with him. But one shot was fired, and that was a winchester shot from one of them fired in the air as they rode off.

They took to the hills about a mile east of town crossed Little Sugar and made for the Indian Territory. Late in the afternoon they were intercepted by a posse as they rode down a gulch into Butler creek bottom. A fight ensued in which two of the robbers were slightly wounded and one horse killed. They abandoned the other horses and took to the brush the tall man, Whit Tennyson, having been separated from the other two by the Shields horse running away with him. Tennyson was captured the next day in the Indian Territory by Joe and Scott Yeargin of Southwest City. He exposed the plot and in a few days the other two were captured at Weir City, Kansas.

The one who stood guard at the horses proved to be Cora Hubbard, a woman in men's attire. She was taken at her father's house in Weir City a few hours after her return. The other one, John Scheets, came in a couple of days later. They were all fully identified and freely acknowledged their guilt. About \$355 of the money was recovered.

Tennyson is a widower 30 years old, Scheets is a young man about twenty-two, and Cora Hubbard is a grass widow twenty-five. Their case is now pending in our circuit court, and it is probable that for this one rash act they will spend a good portion of their lives in the penitentiary.

## KILLING OF JACK TILLOTSON.

ON Sunday night, August 30, 1896, a desperate fight took place at the Lumis school house in White Rock township, between Jack Tillotson and Tom Hopper, in which the former was instantly killed and the latter stabbed in several places. The occurrence was especially deplorable from the fact that both were young men, or rather boys, about nineteen years old, and were strangers. They had never spoken to each other except on one occasion they chanced to meet in the road and spoke as they passed.

Rev. James Holloway was holding a series of meetings at the place above named and the two boys were at meeting on the fatal Sunday night. It appears that young Tillotson had taken a girl to church the night before, and on the way home some of the boys hooted at and made fun of them. Among them was one of the Hopper boys, a brother to Tom. On Sunday night the school house was full and perhaps as many outside. Young Hopper was sitting on a rick of wood which was corded up a few yards from the house with a couple of other men. Tillotson approached and in a rude manner asked if he was the fellow that halloed at him the night before. Hopper replied that he was not. Tillot-



son said he could whip (applying a very foul name) that halload at him. Hopper said he was in the crowd but did not halloa. Tillotson twice more repeated the epithet, when Hopper said "You can't whip me," and struck Tillotson in the face. In the fight Hopper was stabbed in the breast, on both wrists, and had a cut in the the thigh some four inches deep. He threw himself back on the wood and while getting up was struck once or twice with a stick of wood. As he was getting up he drew a 44-caliber revolver and fired, the ball passed through Tillotson's body near the heart, killing him instantly.

Hopper was indicted for murder in the second degree the following January, and tried at the August term, 1897. He was convicted of manslaughter in the fourth degree and his punishment fixed at two years in the penitentiary. The case was appealed to the supreme court where it is still pending (September 1897.)

## MURDER OF GEORGE SMITH.

Pineville Democrat, March 19, 1897.

Last Sunday night, March 14, 1897, just as divine services were closed and the congregation dismissed at what is known as Old Bethpage Baptist church, on North Elkhorn creek, and as he was in the act of putting on his overcoat, George W. Smith was coolly and deliberately shot down without warning by one John Arnold, a boy about 19 years old. The shot was fired from the outside the ball passing through a pane of glass in one of the middle windows on the east side of the church striking its victim in the right temple, passing slightly upward through the right lobe and into the left lobe of the brain, there deflecting and passing into the back of the head where it was found lying in the brain when the autopsy was made after death.

From the time the shot was fired at twenty minutes to nine o'clock Sunday night he lay in a comatose state until death came at twenty minutes past twelve o'clock on Monday. In his critical condition it was impossible to move him to his home, only about one hundred and twenty-five yards from the church, so that he died within a few feet of where he was shot and was buried from the church at two o'clock on Tuesday, the

whole population of the country turning out to pay its last tribute of respect to one whom all honored and loved.

Young Arnold had been seen at the window and talked with by some of the young men outside and had refused to enter the church with them. The excitement in the church at the time was intense, and after a few minutes parties started out to search for the assassin and Arnold having been seen at the window and then suddenly disappearing suspicion pointed to him. An hour or such a matter after the shooting parties went to the home of Ol Mosier, about a mile north of the church, after castor oil and found that Arnold was there and in bed. The Constable and Squire Mosier were notified, a warrant issued, and he was taken into custody by constable Hines about midnight.

Sheriff Jarrett and Prosecutor Clay were notified as quickly as possible Monday morning, and Mr. Clay being unable to go on account of trying a criminal case here that morning, Sheriff Jarrett and Judge W. E. Smith went as quickly as possible to the scene, arriving there about noon. Arnold was arraigned before Squire Mosier and waived examination and was committed to jail the Sheriff taking charge of and bringing him to Pineville, himself, prisoner and Judge Smith leaving there about four o'clock

and arriving here a little after dark, and the Sheriff landed him in the Neosho jail the next day. Excitement ran quite high in the country where the assassination occurred, and had the people been positive that the right party had been caught it is believed by many that he would have been lynched.

He seemed to take every thing very coolly, and that night while being guarded here made a confession, deliberately acknowledging that he did it, telling all about how he did it, and implicating other parties, saying that he was to have, or had got \$25.00 for it. He said he had nothing in the world against Mr. Smith personally. His confession was reduced to writing and he swore to it. Arnold has lived in that locality most of the time for six or seven years past, and is an orphan. In some ways he may not be over bright, but at the same time he is a cunning, shrewd fellow and by no means unaccountable. He used a 38 caliber five chamber revolver, and the same day had shown it to some of the boys, showing them that he had five cartridges in the revolver and six in his pocket. The shell of the eleventh was picked up about seventy-five yards from the church near a tree the next morning. This shell and the bullet extracted from the brain of Mr. Smith exactly fitted Arnold's revolver.



## TIFF CITY.

THIS enterprising little town was platted by S. L. Hopkins, August 6, 1881. Hopkins platted an addition in 1883, and E. W. DePue laid out another addition in 1886.

The town is situated on Buffalo creek where it crosses the State line. It has a population of about 200 people, and contains several enterprising and well conducted business establishments. It has a good portion of Buffalo and Patterson creek valleys, besides some prairie and extensive flat woods from which to draw its custom in the State, and is adjacent to a fertile tract of country in the Indian Territory.

The name was suggested by the mineral substance of that name which abounds in the vicinity of the spring. The town was incorporated several years ago, but after an experiment of several months the city government was abandoned. During this time a number of men got on a spree and undertook to run the town. They bluffed off two or three of the officers, sending some of them home for repairs. Ed Hopkins, one of the deputies, commanded the peace and was assaulted by the rioters. He drew his pistol and shot John Caulk, one of them dead. It was in Tiff City that Minnie DePue, a girl in her teens, shot and instantly killed John Lewis, a man of family, in defense of her honor. They used to scrap a little down there, but in recent years the place has become quite peaceable and the moral element prevails.

## THE TEMPERANCE WORK IN MCDONALD COUNTY.

BY MRS. LORA S. LAMANCE.

THE rise and growth of temperance sentiment in McDonald county has been somewhat out of the ordinary. To fully understand it, we must go back to the early days of its settlement. At the first, the county was largely settled by people from the Southern and Western states. The most genial, hospitable people on earth, their very qualities of *BON HOMIE* and good fellowship inclined them to conviviality. There had been no temperance agitation, and none were troubled with scruples as to dram drinking or social treating. Most of the stores sold whisky, and sold it with as little concealment as they did their calicoes; every farmer brought his jug with him when he came to town to trade; every horse swapping or sale of land was confirmed by treats all around; every house and barn raising was dedicated by the passing of the whisky jug from hand to hand; the guests at every wedding grew hilarious with exhilarating corn-juice, while all too often the mourners of the funeral, drowned their sorrows the same day in the oblivion of drunkenness. Picnics, elections, and holidays were days of "a general

good time," which expression covered everything from being gentlemanly foxy to lying dead-drunk in the fence corner. Thus were sown the seeds for a bitter harvest of dissipation.

Following this came the terrible period of the civil war. McDonald County was on debatable ground, and was over-ran again and again, by the contending Federal and Confederate forces. She was mercilessly pillaged and sacked, her court house destroyed, and her records burned. For years there was no restraint of either church or court. Anarchy reigned, and the inevitable demoralization that followed, could not be overcome in a day nor year. The days of reconstruction, of the setting in motion of the machinery of law and order, was a time of turbulence. The war had engendered countless feuds between neighbors. The Governor had to appoint the first officers, and rival ambitions and jealousies fanned this animosity. As an instance of the unsettled state of affairs, the records show that no less than three different men were appointed in three months time to the same county office. Moral restraint, that would have alleviated much of this angry feeling, unfortunately was in abeyance. The war had been over two years before the first church was organized in the county, and it consisted of a class of but six persons, five women and one man.



All this turbulent time two and three saloons were doing a flourishing business at the county seat, then a hamlet of less than two hundred inhabitants, but from its position the center of all this turmoil. Undoubtedly much of the incitement to strife came from the same iniquitous saloons, the breeders of mischief everywhere. Then again, there came back from the war a loose, wreckless class of persons, who drift as naturally to places where the law is weak and moral force at a low ebb, as the waters run down hill. The period of 1865—70 was a shameful one that all of McDonald's Citizens would be glad to forget. It was a current saying that Pineville was the worst drinking hole in the state, and this fact furnishes the only reasonable explanation of how such an appalling list of crimes and misdemeanors could be committed in the midst of what had been before, and is at the present time, a most peaceful people. There were days of general uproariousness, led by the wreckless characters before spoken of who drank and caroused, and held high carnival, bullying quiet, respectable citizens, defying the law, and over-riding the peace officers. On such days bullets would fly upon the streets until sober men would leap upon their horses and flee for their lives.

It is not for us to record the murder and crimes



of those dark days, but one tragedy stands out so black even on that dark page, that we can not pass it by. One of the carpenters employed in building the court-house, was a man originally of fine impulse; he gave way however to the dissipation all around him and became a perfect sot. In a moment of remorse, realizing the chains of drink were too strong for him to ever be his own master again, he took his own life. His wife, who left behind her this little message, "Death is better than to live the wife of a drunkard," took poison with him, and died also. This terrible deed shocked a community fast growing accustomed to crime, and sober men began to ask, "How much longer shall these things continue?" Then began one of the most effective temperance awakenings that our county has ever known. No temperance advocate has ever delivered such touching and effective pleas for sobriety, as did the shootings, stabbing and murders, that could be traced to the saloons. What men have to know and see, they feel, and the peaceful, law-abiding element began to do some serious thinking on the liquor problem. Men who had been moderate dram drinkers all their lives, began to see the dangers of indulgence, and more and more, the substantial men who are the back bone and sinew of every community, swore off from drinking themselves,

and gave their influence against it. An improvement of conditions followed at once upon this change of public opinion. Drinking there was yet, and to excess, but the shameless orgies of the "60's" could not be repeated, for public sentiment would no longer tolerate them.

In 1874 a lodge of I. O. G. T. was organized at Pineville, but soon came to an end. The time was not yet ripe for public revolution. The leaven was working, however, and in February, 1878, when Mrs. S. A. Williams came to Pineville in the interest of the Murphy and Blue Ribbon movement, the hour was ripe. The awakening was something phenomenal. The interest that was taken baffles description. The community became at a white heat of enthusiasm. Night after night for weeks the old Methodist church was packed to the very walls; farmers with their families drove over rough roads on the darkest nights, and stood patiently the jam and push of the crowd, a third of whom could not be seated. Blue ribbon by the bolt was cut into badges. Tipplers and teetotalers, drunkards and church members, fell into line waiting their turn to have their names recorded, and the bit of blue ribbon pinned on. Whenever some particularly hard case would fall into line the enthusiastic audience would burst into song. The ringing chorus of "Throw

out the life-line," "Pull for the shore," or "Hold the fort, would resound until the very walls echoed back the refrain. When this protracted temperance love-feast closed, there was scarcely an adult for miles around but what had taken the pledge, "With malice toward none, and charity toward all." "The Murphies" of Pineville had even gone with song and exhortation to White Rock and other townships, carrying the gospel of total abstinence. The better to hold the large number of reformed men who joined them, the Murphies resolved to hold a regular meeting every Thursday night, and for five years they did so.

But it was not all smooth sailing. Far from it, indeed. The power proved unresistable, and one unfortunate after another broke his pledge, until the number of defections was an open scandal. Many societies would have given up the ghost at once, but our McDonald County Murphies were not of that kind of stuff. The matter was taken up. It was decided for the children and young men's sakes to continue the meetings. Then came the question of purging the rolls. Some of those who had violated their pledge were most honored citizens, and their wives and children were in the audience. Men sat and looked at each other, each unwilling to do this obvious but unpleasant duty. Then



uprose old Harmon Kenney, an officer in the church, and his hair white with the snow of three-score and ten winters. With tears falling like rain down his cheeks, he said, "What no one else will do, Harmon Kenney must do. I move that so and so, be expelled from our rolls." This one man's brave Christian act saved the Murphies. The remnant that was left, determined to not yield, and for those five years, line upon line they, gave instruction in temperance doctrine until public sentiment in Pineville township became, as it remains to-day, overwhelmingly on the right side. The Murphies as an organization, have died out everywhere, but the work they did for Pineville township and through it an influence extending throughout the county, can scarcely be over-estimated.

For five years after the Murphies disbanded, we find no record of any temperance society in the county. Early in 1888, temperance again became a burning question, for in February of that year a special election was held upon the Wood Local Option Law. The results showed the folly of attempting to pass a reform measure without an active organization working for it, for the antis or "wets," carried the measure overwhelmingly, one township indeed, giving but one dry vote. At the eleventh hour, February, the month of the election, the W. C. T.



U. sent an organizer, C. J. Holt, into the county to rally the temperance forces, and do the little that could be done in that short time. He at once established a W. C. T. U. at Pineville, the most central point in the county, and the now aroused workers succeeded in getting some earnest work done in some other townships.

In Pineville township the ladies served hot coffee and refreshments close to the voting place, and pinned ribbon badges on the "dry" adherents. Without exception, in every voting precinct where the temperance people made a stand, the "drys" won; where they let it go by default, the "wets" carried the day as surely. There is a lesson in this for future remembrance.

In Elk River Township, (where the town of Noel now stands,) the sentiment against saloons was supposed to be decisive, and the temperance people made no attempt to rally their forces. The liquor men, wiser in their day and generation organized a still hunt along every by-path and up every cross-hollow. At 3 o'clock, to their astonishment, the "drys" found themselves outnumbered. Thomas Marshall, Elk River's leading citizen, roundly vowed that that record should not stand. He brought out every horse and vehicle that he had, pressed drivers into service and sent them after the stay-at home temperance vote. In one part of the Township

was a little body of Adventists. They were staunch temperance men, but as the election came on Saturday, which was their Sabbath, they stayed at home rather than desecrate the Sabbath day. To them Mr. Marshall sent this terse message, "This is a case of helping the ox out of the pit," and every man responded. They got there just before the poles closed, and Elk River went "dry" by exactly five majority.

The W. C. T. U. that was organized by C. J. Holt, at Pineville, consisted of 21 active and 2 honorary members. Mrs. America Chenoweth was the first President, and much interest was manifested. In March Mr. Holt organized a W. C. T. U. at Southwest City with 33 members the most prominent ladies of the town connecting themselves with it. Somewhere about this time, but whether organized by Mr. Holt we do not know, a W. C. T. U. was also established at Rocky Comfort. These are the three strategic points, center south, and north, that any organization that intends to hold the county must first capture. These unions all contained much excellent material, and gave at first much promise; but our ladies were unsued to public work of any kind, the leaders one by one became sick or moved away, and the move came to a standstill everywhere for lack of a head.

After this came a spasmodic revival of the I.

O. G. T. at one or two points, but this also, soon came to naught. In August 1893, Mrs. May L. Woods, President of the 23rd District W. C. T. U., and Mrs. Rebecca Hall, the saintly head of the State Evangelical Department of the W. C. T. U., organized a W. C. T. U. at Southwest City. This was a smaller Union than the first, and was organized under more discouraging influences, for the liquor sentiment at that time was unfortunately strong at Southwest City. Mrs. Lucy A. Struthers, a most estimable woman, was elected President, and Mrs. E. P. Quarles was appointed the County President.

January 11 1894, Mrs. Woods, our beloved District President, and Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman, the State President of the Missouri W. C. T. U., organized a Union at Pineville. Mrs. Lora S. LaMance was the first President, and served as such until September 1895, when Mrs. C. S. Manning, our present leader, took her place. In May 1894, Mrs. Quarles resigned as County President, and Mrs. LaMance was appointed to her position, and still holds it. In May 1894 a Union was organized at Anderson, another good central point. Of this Mrs. Octavia Elliff was President until 1896, when Mrs. P. A. T. Yocum took her place. In December 1896, Mrs. Nellie G. Burger organized a W. C. T. U. at Rocky Comfort, Mrs. Fannie Kelly, President, and

this list completes the number of W. C. T. U.'s at present in the county.

The W. C. T. U. have held it as their special mission to form and crystalize public sentiment in favor of prohibition. While we work among the adults, and especially try to awaken the churches as to their duty upon this question, we pay special attention to the children. Adopting the language of one of our leaders we hold that "The star of hope for the temperance reform hangs over the school house." We have held in our three and a half year's existence three special meetings with the teachers at the Normal, and have pledged them to teach scientific temperance instruction in the school room, that our boys and girls may understand why alcohol and tobacco hurt the human body. We have had about twenty-five Demorest Oratorical Contests, for young people between the ages of fourteen and twenty-five. Two of these Contests were for the gold medal, all the competitors for which had already won a silver medal. Beside this there have been four or five L. T. L. Contests held for children under fourteen. Fully one third of these Contests, that have awakened great interest everywhere, and incidently taught our young people more about elocution than they had ever known before have been held by our friends the teachers, in



District schools. By that means the prohibition gospel has been carried where no temperance lecturer has ever gone, and no temperance society ever organized.

We have held four very successful county conventions, at which many able addresses and papers were presented. We have enjoyed at stated periods hearing such well known lecturers as Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Bosworth and Mrs. Burger. We have held many public meetings that have done much to hold public sentiment to the right. We have scattered thousands of pages of temperance literature, and the most of the time for the last two years, the Unions at Anderson and Pineville have maintained a Temperance column in the Pineville Democrat and Anderson Messenger respectively. By all these things we know we have not been idlers in the Master's vineyard, and yet there is so much more that ought to be done, and that we might have accomplished, that we feel that we have no room for self praise. God granting, the W. C. T. U. of McDonald county in spite of special discouragements at this and that point, will still press on, and labor for the "good, the true and the right," until there is no need for a temperance society in the county.

In the fall of 1894, E. H. Benham organized a chain of I. O. G. T. lodges in our county.

There is the best of feeling between fraternal temperance societies, so he advanced to no point where the W. C. T. U. was already established, but at Erie, Bethpage, Tiff City, Noel, and three or four other points he organized lodges. Some of these proved short lived, but it is thought that they at least prepared the way for some future organization. Erie and Bethpage I. O. G. T. lasted for two years each, but from lack of leaders, the common cause of failure, went down. The lodge at Donohue, however, remains in a flourishing condition, and is exerting a widespread influence. It is the George Washington Lodge, and one of its officers says it is its good name that keeps it alive and growing, but we think there is more in the stick-to-it-iveness of its officers.

Every one of these Lodges ought to take heart and reconvene themselves. The field is indeed white unto the harvest, but the laborers are few. The change in public sentiment the last few years has been gratifying to the temperance people, but if we are to cement this into strong, clear intent and purpose, we must do more and better work. Let us up, and be at our labor, while it is yet to-day!







## CHAPTER XIII.

## BIOGRAPHICAL.

A. A. ADAMS, familiarly known as Allen, is a son of Jeff and Mary E. Adams, who for many years were familiar citizens of Buffalo township. He was born in Texas, January 17, 1864. In 1867 his parents came to this county and located on the Sugar Fork of Buffalo creek. His mother died in 1888, his father in 1894. He and Miss Ada L. Hayes were united in marriage August 11, 1889. She bore him three children, all of whom are now living. She died November 20, 1894. Mr. Adams was reared on his father's farm, and attended the district schools what time he could be spared from the farm duties. He followed that occupation until October 1895, when he bought a half interest in the Coy Mills, since which time he has been interested in that business, being now located at Tiff City. He has given his attention to the various details of the business until he has become almost as familiar with the milling business as the farm

work. At present he is engaged in running the engine and assistant manager of the business of the firm.

ANDREW D. ANDERSON, of McMillin township, son of Robert and Hester Anderson, was born in Barry county, Missouri September 3, 1840. Five years later his parents moved to this county and settled what is now the Schmidt farm, since which time the object of this sketch has principally been a resident of this county. He enlisted August 2, 1862, in Co. H. Sixth Kansas Cavalry, Volunteers and served until June 22, 1865. The last ten months of the war he was held a prisoner at Tyler, Texas. He was first married December 7, 1865, to Rachel L. Mizer of Tennessee. To them were born seven children after which she died. Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Malinda C. Hamilton, a widow with three children, were married September 28, 1880. To them another seven children were born. He at first joined the Baptist church but afterwards withdrew and joined the North Methodist of which denomination he was for many years a local preacher. His present widow, after her marriage with Mr. Anderson, also withdrew from the Baptist and joined the church to which he belonged. He was a prosperous farmer and at the time of his death, November 1895, owned a farm of over 200 acres.

He lived an exemplary life, highly respected by all who knew him and greatly beloved by his wife and children to whom he had ever been a kind husband and father.

ROBERT ANDERSON, was born in Grayson county, Virginia, February 1, 1831. Here he lived until he was about 18 years old, when he went to Tennessee, and from there to this county in 1861. One of the first scenes he remembered of seeing after reaching this county was the holding of court on a big flat rock at the forks of the two Sugar creeks. He was first married to Nancy Testerman, of Ash county, North Carolina in 1848. After bearing seven children four of whom are still living she died and was buried at Beaver Springs cemetery. He served in the quarter master's department one year under Gen. Price. Mr. Anderson has been appointed post master four different times and served in all about twenty years, holding the position at Erie, Baladan, and Anderson. He established the latter office in 1887, and the town incidentally bears his name. He was justice of the peace four years at Erie and Indian Springs. By occupation he is a merchant and mechanic, having sold goods for upwards of twenty years, and has built 21 houses in this county.

ZACH BAKER, our present efficient county

clerk, is one of the most prominent men of McDonald county. He is a son of Judge Hiram Baker, and was born in Wayne county this State in 1846. His parents came to this county in 1853, where the object of this sketch was principally reared. He received a fair education in the common schools, mostly in Camden county, where they went during a portion of the war. He was especially efficient in figures and penmanship. He was married in 1879, and they have seven children, all living. Mr. Baker, or Zach as every body calls him, has been nominated by the Republicans and Independents several times, and came within a few votes of being elected when the opposition had some 300 majority. In 1886 he was elected county assessor, which office he filled with credit, and his work received the approval of the Democratic county officials. In 1894 he was elected to the office which he now holds. By occupation he is a farmer and knows what hard work is. He is a minister in the Christian church, and seems to be a great favorite with the young couples who are matrimonially inclined.

A. H. BARLOW, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of this county, was born near Raleigh, North Carolina, in 1818. Where he was quite a small boy his parents moved to Tennessee, where they died. He came to Neosho



in 1841, and has lived in Newton and McDonald counties ever since. He received his education at home, studying at night by light of pine knots. He married Elizabeth Gibson in Tennessee, they had twelve children, four of whom are dead. Of the living, two are in Colorado, two in the Chocktaw Nation, one in Kansas, one at Neosho one at Stella, and one near Miami, I. T. Some years after the death of his first wife he married the widow Michael of Newton county. They have three children all living. One at Anderson, one in Ark. and one in Colorado. Mr. Barlow was originally a Whig, and says he sticks to it yet, but voted for Bryan last fall. He has been a carpenter, cabinet maker and mill wright. During the war he lived on a small farm near Neosho most of the time, but finally went to Neosho and followed the Union army. During the war his house and fences were all burnt, but they caught from the forest fires. He says the Rebels treated him well and he never had an enemy in his life.

SAMUEL D. BEST was born January 3, 1829, in Lincoln county, North Carolina. His parents moved to Tennessee when he was but 18 months old, where he was brought up. He was first married in Blunt county, Tenn., in 1851, and has 15 children, 13 of whom are still living. He is now living with his second wife to whom

he was married in the north part of this state a few years ago. In early life he attended school at Perryville, Tenn., where he acquired his education. Mr. Best has quite an interesting war record, having served three years under Stanley and Sheridan. He was in many battles, among which were Perryville, Nashville, Murfreesborough and Knoxville. He was First Lieutenant, Co. D., Second Tenn. Cavalry; was wounded near Murfreesborough in March, 1863, and some time later resigned on account of disability. Mr. Best is a farmer by occupation, and owns a comfortable home on the Pineville and Indian Springs road.

JAMES H. COWAN, son of David and Matilda Cowan, was born in Barton county, Alabama, Dec. 24, 1840. His parents moved to Tenn. and from there to Missouri in 1853, and settled where the object of this sketch now lives, on Big Sugar creek near Cyclone. He attended school at the Love school house in Elk Horn township. In 1872 he was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Phillips, but she died two weeks later. The next year he married her sister Mary. She lived twelve years and bore five children, three of whom are living—Nancy (Cook), Marcus Andrew, and David C., all in this county. Mr. Cowan is a farmer by occupation, a staunch Republican in politics, and for fifteen years has been a member of the Missionary

Baptist Church. He enlisted in Co. M. Sixth Mo. Cavalry September 1, 1861; again in Fifteenth Mo. Cav. Nov. 1, 1863. He served as Corporal for some time, and was elected Lieutenant, but the war closed before his commission came.

D. S. ELLIFF, was born in McDonald county, Missouri, March 11, 1867, and has lived here all his life. He received a good education in the district schools and when quite a young man, taught three terms, but he preferred the life of a farmer and has followed that occupation since. July 19, 1888, he and Miss Nettie B. Elliott, daughter of Judge Elliott of this county, were united in marriage. They have had three children—Inez, Monroe and Goldie. Inez died February 21, 1897, at the age of seven years. When but eighteen years of age Mr. Elliff united with the Baptist church of which he has ever since been a consistent member. He was lecturer of the Farmer's Alliance of this county for two years. He has been a leading member of the Populist party for many years, and his integrity and hard work were rewarded after the campaign of 1897 by the appointment to a lucrative position in the House of Representatives, 39, General Assembly. At the present time he is a member of the Populist Congressional and State Executive Committees.

T. C. GILBREATH, son of John and Mary Gilbreath, was born in LaPorte county, Indiana, in 1846. In 1852 his parents moved to Iowa and from there to Harrison county Missouri in 1855. When the war broke out they went to Des Moines, Iowa where he attended school. He was married in Newton county, Mo. May 8, 1870, to Miss R. M. Mickens, formerly of Story county, Iowa. They have had six children, five of whom are living. He came to McDonald county in 1893 from Jasper county, where he had lived for several years. He operated a saw mill first on Big Sugar, then near Pineville, where he did a thriving business. He sold his mill and tried farming awhile, but afterwards resumed his former occupation, and is apparently master of the art. In 1896 he was elected justice of the peace of Anderson township which position he fills with credit. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Encampment of O. F. Politically he is a Greenbacker.

J. TURNER HORNER, son of Dr. John T. and Mary Horner, was born July 26, 1866, in Webster county, Missouri. When he was but six weeks old his parents moved to Barry county, where Mr. Horner spent his boyhood and youth. He received a good education at Cassville, and began teaching at the age of twenty years. He soon became one of the leading teachers of



Barry county, and was several times teacher of some of the best schools in that county, and was principal of the Purdy school in 1889. January 1, 1888 he was united in marriage with Miss Mattie Jessee of Cassville, Missouri. They have three children, two girls and one boy. In 1889 he moved to McDonald county to take charge of the Pineville school of which he was principal that year and the next. He was again elected to the same position for the term of 1896-7, all of which he filled with credit. In the campaign of 1894, he was a contestant before the Republican County Convention for Representative, but on being defeated, was unanimously tendered, the nomination for Presiding Judge of the County court, to which honorable and responsible position he was elected the following November. As an officer he has performed his duty ably and honestly. He now resides at Rocky Comfort where he has a comfortable home, and follows his chosen profession, that of teacher. He is elected principal of the Rocky Comfort High School for the school year 1897-98.

P. A. HORTON, was born in Benton county, Arkansas, August 17, 1869. He is a son of Daniel and Sarah (Graham) Horton. His father died a short time before he was born and his mother, who re-married, lived only about a

year afterwards. His mother and stepfather moved from Arkansas to Joplin where they remained a short time when they came to McDonald county. Press as he is usually called was raised on Indian creek near Erie. In 1890 he and Miss Sarah Bogle were united in marriage; they have three children, all of whom are living. He has spent most of his life on a farm and hopes to some day own a good one of his own. For the past year or more he has been interested in the saw mill business. He belongs to the Democratic party with which he has voted ever since he arrived at his majority, and from which he sees no reason to change.

HARRY S. JACKSON, is a son of S. H. and Mary Jackson, formerly of Tennessee, but now citizens of this county. Harry was born in Neosho, Missouri, June, 1873, consequently is still a young man. He attended the public schools at Neosho until the year 1887, when with his parents he came to McDonald county and located at Caverna. By improving his time in school he secured a good business education, which he has since improved by practical use and by a general course of useful and instructive reading, so that now he is counted as one of the best posted young men of the county. He was put to work in the mill at Caverna some years ago and thoroughly learned the business. He

now has charge of the mill and is making a success of the enterprise, which is due to his good management and courteous treatment of all with whom he deals. The probabilities are that in the years to come he will rise to distinction among our people.

S. T. LANE: Another of the pioneers of this county is the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch. He was born in Green county, this state, October 28, 1843. His birth place is now the historic Springfield battle ground. His parents, Samuel and Frances Marion (Robinson) Lane, came to McDonald county in 1845. He married Miss Isabel C. Kincannon, of Washington county, Arkansas. They have no children. Mr. Lane enlisted for the war in the 1st Missouri Confederate Artillery, where he held the position of bugler. He was in the battles at Carthage, Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, Helena, Jenkins Ferry, and other smaller engagements. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1890, his wife having become a member of that church several years before, and both are living consistent Christian lives. He has been a farmer and carpenter by occupation and politically a life-long Democrat. For many years he lived on his farm on Patterson creek, but is now a resident of Tiff City, where he has a comfortable home and, with his estimable lady is enjoying the blessings of life.

MARTIN L. MARRS, son of Aaron and Emmaline Marrs, was born in Washington county, Arkansas, August 18, 1855. He remained in the land of his birth until some years after he was grown to manhood coming to this county in 1885. He attended school at Vina Grove Seminary Arkansas where he gained an education that renders him fit for the responsible county office which he now fills. On the 7, day of September, 1880, he and Miss Elizabeth Bunch, also of Washington county, Arkansas, were married. Their union has been blessed with five children, all of whom are living. Mr. Marrs was nominated on the Democratic ticket in 1896 for county assessor and was elected by a large majority. With the exception of a short time in the mercantile business at Jane, he has been a life-long farmer, and after his term of office he expects to return to his chosen occupation.

M. E. MEADOR, of Anderson, is a son of Martin and Sarah Meador who settled in this county in the early days. He was born in this county Februrary 28, 1859 and has always lived here. He attended the district school at Beaver Springs near where his father lived. In 1880 he was married to Miss Mary Anderson, also of this county. After bearing six children five of whom are living, she died May 1, 1896. When the rail road was built through this



county it passed over a piece of his land, and with an eye to business, he at once laid it out in town lots. He has ever since been one of the principal men in building up the town of Anderson, and much of its success has been due to his work and influence. Mr. Meador is at present engaged in running a saw mill and livery stable. He is one of the stand-by's in the Republican party, having never wavered from that faith.

J. P. MADDEN, one of the best known citizens of this county, was born in Warrick county Indiana March 29, 1838. He remained in his native state until in middle life where he held several positions of honor and trust. He was educated at a private school and followed the avocation of teacher for several years. He was Township Trustee, and assessor, also constable and deputy sheriff. In 1875 he moved from Indiana to Kansas and from there came to this county in 1878. Since living here he has worked at a saw mill for some time, then handled timber at Anderson and now keeps a hotel there. He, at present devotes much of his time canvassing for cemetery marble work. He filled the office of county assessor on the Democratic ticket for two terms, 1889-93. and proved to be an honest servant of the people. He first married Miss Mary E. Hedges, of Warrick

county Indiana, November 17, 1859. She died April 25, 1887. In 1889 he married Maggie S. Nance, with whom he is now living.

JOHN L. MONTGOMERY, was born on Red River, Texas, June 28, 1848. He is a son of Jos. B. and Martha Montgomery, for many years a prominent family of this county. In 1850 his parents left Texas and located near Fayetteville Arkansas. In 1863 they came to Missouri, and located in this county in 1867. John L. was married to Miss Hassie Hyatt of Newton county in 1868. They had two children, both boys now in business in Rocky Comfort. His wife died July 15, 1890. One of his brothers served in the Union army, and his father commanded a company at the battle of Pea Ridge under Gen. Price. He is a member of the Christian Church, and in politics has always been a staunch Republican. For many years he was in the mercantile business at Rocky Comfort, but a couple of years ago withdrew from that business and now devotes his time to his farm where he has an elegant home.

W. H. NOEL, was born August 27, 1846, in Casey county Kentucky. His parents, B. S. and Nancy Noel, moved to McDonald county, Mo. the same year, consequently the object of this sketch has lived here from infancy. August 1, 1864 he joined the 2nd Cherokee regiment,

Confederate Volunteers and served to the close of the war. Was in several skirmishes in Missouri and Arkansas, and in one or two pretty severe engagements. November 20, 1867, he was united in marriage with Miss Nannie Huffman, of Collins county, Texas. To them have been born ten children, seven of whom are still living. Before their marriage both had united with the Baptist church of which they have been consistent members for some thirty years. Mr. Noel was deputy sheriff five years; 1887-1892. In 1892 he was elected assessor, and re-elected in 1894, being the only Democrat elected on the county ticket that year. He is now (1897) deputy assessor.

JOHN W. NUTTING, son of George and Margaret Nutting, was born in this county, January 6, 1847. He lived at the home of his parents on Buffalo creek until August, 1862, at which time he enlisted in the Confederate army, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, but in a short time they were dismounted and became Infantry. He was in the battles at Helena, Pleasant Hill and Saline River, besides numerous minor engagements. His description of their advance on Helena, the attack repulse and retreat sounds like a romance. He surrendered at the close of the war at Shreveport, La. In 1869 he was married to Miss Margaret Raba a native of Knox county,

Tenn. They have seven children all living. He is a member of the Baptist church, a farmer, and a life-long Democrat. In 1888 he was elected county judge for the western district, and re-elected in 1888, serving four years. His ability as an officer is tersely expressed in the appellation given him as "The watch dog of the county treasury."

R. W. PATTERSON was born in Buncomb county, North Carolina, November 29, 1857. His parents came to McDonald county in 1871. On the 31, day of March, 1878 he and Miss Sarah E. Click of this county were united in marriage. They have four children, Clara A., Effie, Stella and Alfred. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and for the past twenty-three years has been a member of the Baptist church. He has been engaged in farming most of his life and owns a good farm near Anderson, but the last five or six years has been clerking in a store at that place. He was deputy assessor two years under Chapman and four years under Madden. Was justice of the peace four years 1892-6 and for the last six years has been a notary public. His business qualifications are first class and his genial manners and fair dealings contribute much to the success of the firm with which he is connected.



H. C. PRATER was born in Kentucky February 2nd 1851. In 1855 his parents settled in Johnson county, this state, and in 1865 came to McDonald county. In 1870 to 1874 the object of this sketch spent in California, but with this exception has lived in this county. On the 17th day of February, 1876 he was married to Miss Sarah J. Kenney. They have nine children living. He served as Justice of the Peace in Pineville township six years, and in 1892 was a candidate for the office of Collector, being defeated by 80 votes. In 1894 the Republicans again nominated him and he was elected by a plurality of 126. Mr. Prater has always borne a reputation as a competent business man, and strictly honest in his transactions. He is a member of the Methodist church. One of the grandest things that he will ever have to think of is that for many years while poor himself, and burdened with a large family, he took care of his old father and mother without ever a thought or hope of reward. He has a good farm on Indian creek near Lanagan where he has been living the past four years.

J. H. QUALLS. The object of this sketch was born in Madison county, Arkansas, March 11, 1860. His parents moved to Christian county Mo., during the war, then back to Arkansas. Went to Colorado in 1876 and came to McDonald county in 1879, since which time Mr. Qualls has

been a permanent resident. June 20, 1886 he and Miss N. C. Lewis, of this county, were united in marriage. They have three children; Rosa E. eight years of age, Bertie M. five years, Samuel B. one year old. He and his wife united with the Missionary Baptist church about seven years ago. He is now publishing the Tiff City News, a nice, clean paper that is a credit to both Mr. Qualls and the community in which it is located. His first venture in the newspaper business was at Anderson, in 1893, when the Messenger was established. Since that time he has been connected with two other papers. He is a member of the Populist party, and during the campaign of 1894 was chairman of the county central committee of that party.

G. M. D. SEABOURN, son of Bradford and Catherine (Campbell) Seabourn, was born in Bradley county, East Tennessee, June 3, 1845. He came with his parents to McDonald county in 1858. He was first married in 1862 to Miss Missouri Anderson, sister of A. D. Anderson, late of this county. By her three children have been born. Some years after her death he married Miss Sarah Eden by whom he has four children living. He was never in the regular army, but served for a time in the state militia. He was in the fight at Neosho with General Shelby by whose men he was

captured and released on parole. The entire family were strongly Union and had to leave this county in 1862, at which time they went to Lawrence county returning in 1866. His father served over two years in the 6th Kansas Cavalry. Mr. Seabourn does not belong to any church, has never held a public office and is a farmer by occupation. He owns a good farm, is in comfortable circumstances, comes of a good family and is highly respected by all who know him.

WILLIAM K. WILSON, son of Levi and Elizabeth Wilson, was born in Jackson county, Tennessee, November 4, 1841. His youth was spent in the land of his birth, and on the 21st day of March, 1861 he was united in marriage with Miss Lena A. Clark. During the war they were compelled to "refugee" to Kentucky being loyal people. Mr. Wilson joined the First Tenn. mounted Infantry in 1864 and served until the close of the war, being most of the time in the mountains of his native state. In 1868 he and his wife both joined the Christian church of which they are still consistent members. In 1871 they moved to Illinois, and in 1877 to this county. He improved a nice place near the Roark school house, and while there served as district clerk several years. He is now making another comfortable home near Coy. They have been blessed with nine children,

six of whom are still living, and the entire family are respectable, and industrious people.

T. H. WIMPEY. Almost every body in the west part of the county knows Tom Wimpey, the genial miller of Tiff City. He was born in McDonald county June 27, 1854, and has spent most of his life in the land of his birth. His father, Joshua Wimpey, died in 1867. His mother, Rachel Wimpey, is still living. In 1869 the family moved to Arkansas, but returned to this county after an absence of three years. March 25, 1877, he and Miss Arizona Hutchison were united in marriage. They have seven children, all living, Sarah L. who is married to Lafe Hamilton, A. C., Plaudy, Lula, Mattie, Stella and Jessie. He was brought up on a farm, but went into the goods business at Twin Springs when that town first sprung up. He went to Coy about 1882 where he dealt in goods a while, then went into the Coy mill. While at this place he was post master some nine or ten years. Last year the mill was moved to Tiff City where it is now in operation, Mr. Wimpey being the miller and general manager. He is a consistent member of the Baptist church.

C. E. DAVIS, son of W. R. and E. E. Davis, was born in the City of Cincinnati in 1870. When he was about seven years of age his parents moved to Joplin, this state, where they resided



some ten years. During their residence in Joplin they made several trips back to their native place, and came to this county occasionally. Mr. Davis being in poor health the changes were made in hopes of effecting his recovery. He died in 1882. Clarence attended the public schools at Joplin where he obtained a good business education. With his mother, he came to McDonald county about ten years ago and settled on a farm near Noel. This he cultivated until the town of Noel began to be a place of note, when he went there and took charge of the City Hotel. He keeps an excellent house, and has done a business that is surprising for a town no larger than Noel. He, also, has a good livery stable and runs the Noel & Southwest City mail and hack line. In 1890 he was married to Miss Neta Farmer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Farmer, of Pineville. They have two children.

EDWIN TYLER DOTY, was born in Cayuga county, New York, December 4, 1844. At the age of 15 years he moved to the state of Michigan. When the war broke out he enlisted in Fourth Michigan Infantry and served until his time expired. After the war he entered the college at Ann Arbor, Michigan and graduated in the Medical department in March, 1870. In 1883 he came to Southwest Missouri, residing in Mc-

Donald county two years, and in Joplin over seven years. He then located at Anderson, December, 1892, and embarked in the drug business in connection with the practice of medicine. During Cleveland's second term Mrs. Doty was postmaster at Anderson, and every one speaks well of her management of that office. The doctor enjoys a good practice, has a good trade in the store and he and his lady stand high in the estimation of the people.





A. W. NOEL.

THE gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch was born in this county April 10, 1868. He is a son of C. W. and F. M. Noel of Elk River township. Being reared on a farm he followed that occupation, attending the district schools until early manhood when he went to Warrensburg school and, also, took a term in the Business College at Kansas City. Soon after returning from school he secured a position as clerk and book keeper for M. N. LaMance, where he remained some four years. By this time, having saved his earnings, he bought a small stock of hardware and went into

business on his own account. In May, 1893, he took charge of the post office at Pineville, to which position he had been appointed by President Cleveland. He administered the affairs of the office four years to the satisfaction of the public and with credit to himself and the party which he represented. April 18, 1897, he was united in matrimony with Miss Grace Yonce, one of the most worthy and highly esteemed young ladies of our community.

By natural ability, attention to business and good management, he has built up one of the most lucrative mercantile establishments in the county. Mr. Noel is entitled to much credit for his success in life, having gained it by his own efforts. He is a man of good morals, genteel in his manners and a credit to the community.



## A. U. CHASE.

DR. A. U. CHASE of Tiff City is one of our leading physicians who at the age of 30 years, has established a practice that often taxes his strength to the utmost. He has excellent success with his patients, and his agreeable manners, and regard for the feelings of others make him a general favorite with the people. He is a son of John R. and Fannie Chase, of Newton county. He was born in Ray county, this state, August 10, 1867. When he was two years old his parents came to Newton county. He obtained a fair education in the common schools, availing himself of every opportunity to gain knowledge. In 1847 he came to Tiff City and began the study of medicine with Dr. A. J. McKinney, finishing up his course at Marion Sims College of Medicine, St. Louis. He and Miss Mary Keenan, a daughter of the late Peter Keenan of this county were married, in 1891. They have three children. They have an elegant home at Tiff City on a portion of the old Cummings farm, where he and his estimable wife are enjoying the comforts of life and reaping the rewards of a well merited and successful career.



MR. AND MRS. VERMILLION.

R. E. VERMILLION was born in Lawrence, county, Mo., in 1855. His wife, Fannie Mills, was born in the same county in 1859. They were acquainted while children and, in July 1875, when he was twenty and she sixteen years of age, were married. Mr. Vermillion soon afterward entered a drug store, and in the spring of 1878 located at Opolis, Kansas. He was in business there until 1885 at which time he accepted a position in the drug store of Caffee & Co., at Carthage. A year later he was employed by H. Dustin of Southwest City. The same year Mrs. Vermillion opened up a Millinery store there,



and for ten years this worthy couple were prominent figures in the business and social circles of that enterprising place. He continued as general manager of the Dustin drug store until October, 1895, when he again went into business of his own. He died January 15, 1896, after a couple days illness from pneumonia complicated with heart trouble to which he had been subject for some years. Mrs. Vermillion is still carrying on her millinery business at Southwest City. They have but one child, Maud, aged thirteen.

## HUGH DABBS.

WITH some individuals the Battle of Life seems but a series of brilliant victories, and such has been the career of our former citizen, Hugh Dabbs. While he was born in Madison county, Arkansas, he has lived from early childhood in this county. His father died when Hugh was four years old, and left his wife, Susan Dabbs, with a large family of small children. They lived near Rocky Comfort, and Hugh spent his boyhood days helping to clear out a farm on the flat woods. He was always studious, and as soon as he could procure a certificate, began teaching school. He saved his money and took a course of study in the academy at Corsicana, Barry county. In 1890 he graduated from the Law department of the State University at Columbia, and began the practice that year at Pineville. He held the highest grade in his class at the University, and wrote the Prize Thesis. That fall he was elected prosecuting attorney, which office he held four years. He rapidly rose to distinction in his profession and now, at the age of thirty-two, ranks among the leading lawyers of Newton County. He located at Neosho in 1895, where he has an elegantly furnished office, a fine library, and is doing a large practice.



## H. B. BOSSERMAN.

H. B. BOSSERMAN, son of Jacob and Eve (Hanger) Bosserman, was born in Augusta county, Virginia, January 5, 1841. His parents lived and died in that state. When the war came up, Mr. Bosserman lived where the active scenes of the great conflict was going on. He enlisted in 25th Virginia Infantry and served two months when he was taken prisoner at the battle of Rich Mountain. He was paroled by Gen. McClelland, and exchanged that fall. Those were times when much of the supplies for the people were made at home, and the looms and spinning wheels were brought into use. Mr. Bosserman was a very fine mechanic, and the time of his exchange was sick for some time. As soon as his health would permit, he started to join his regiment. But he was well acquainted with the leading men of his part of the state who knew his skill as a workman, and they vouched for his good conduct and loyalty to the Confederacy and he was permitted to remain at home the rest of the war, making spinning, wheels, looms,

and other necessary articles. In 1869 he and Miss Lucretia M. Ludwick were united in wedlock. They have one child dead, and two living; Eugenia (Hargrove) and Emmett Guy. He left Virginia in 1872, went to Texas, then to Illinois, and came to McDonald county in 1889. He owns a fine mill near Pineville with which he is doing a good business.



## T. J. CARNELL.

J. L. CARNELL, for several years an honored citizen of this county was born in Virginia March 13, 1833. His wife, Mrs. E. J. Carnell, was born in Kentucky November 23, 1835. They were married in Cass county, Missouri from which place they moved to Texas then went to Benton county, Arkansas and from that place to McDonald county. They had ten children, nine of whom are still living. Among them is the object of this sketch.

T. J. Carnell was born in Benton county, Arkansas, June 4, 1872, and is consequently 25 years of age. He came with his parents to this county in 1889. He attended the district schools in Arkansas, and the public school at Pineville after they came to this county where he acquired a fair business education. On January 16, 1895 he and Miss Florence M. Clemons were united in marriage. Their union has been blessed with one child, Hazle B. now aged two years. Mr. Carnell was reared on a farm which occupation he followed until a couple of years ago, since which time he has been running a saw mill. Being a man of energy and industry he is making a success of his business, and is manufacturing and selling a large amount of lumber. Politically he is a Democrat, having been brought up in that faith, but his adherence to the party would never induce him to forget a personal favor or one who had befriended him.



ETUE, PETER D.—Born in Perth county, Ontario, June 29, 1846. Educated in the common schools until 14 years of age, when he entered the office of the Mitchell Advocate to

learn the art of printing. At the age of 16 ran away from home and went to Buffalo, N. Y. where he enlisted in the 14th N. Y. Cavalry, serving until April 24, 1866. After a few months at home in Canada, returned to the U. S. and became a citizen at Flint, Michigan in 1868. Removed to St. Louis in 1869, working on the old St. Louis Republican, and various job printing offices until 1871, when he became connected with the Kansas City Times. Established the Kansas City Live-Stock Indicator in 1878, and sold out in 1893. The panic of that year resulted disastrously for him and he lost the accumulation of years. After a residence of over a quarter of a century in K. C. he came to Anderson in September 1896, purchasing the Anderson Messenger, which he renamed the Advocate, and he runs as an independent (not neutral) local journal. In politics he has always affiliated with the Democrats, and was elected member of the Common Council in Kansas City 1878-79 as such. He is an anti-protectionist and a free silver man, also a believer in the Single Tax doctrine.





J. L. ELLIFF.

MR. ELLIFF was born in Lawrence county this state, May 26, 1855. His parents came to McDonald county in 1866, and Jesse has made this his home ever since. He improved every opportunity to attend school and was granted a certificate and taught his first term in 1874. Mr. Elliff has twice been principal of the Southwest City public schools and is a prominent teacher of the county. He is Sunday School Superintendent and clerk of the Baptist church

at Anderson and is a member of the I. O. O. F. In 1890 he was appointed clerk at Quapaw Agency and served 15 months after Cleveland's inauguration. He filled his position with honor to himself and with credit to his county and administration. He stands high with the department and is well versed in Indian affairs. Is an untiring republican worker and in 1894 was a delegate to the county, congressional and State conventions and a member of the Congressional committee. Mr. Elliff is the owner of a good residence in Anderson and is a substantial citizen of the county. He is now keeping a hotel at Anderson and is doing a thriving business as real estate agent.



## JAMES H. WIMPEY.

AMONG the men who figured prominently in the affairs of the county for several years is James H. Wimpey of Anderson, son of Joshua and Nancy (Ragsdale) Wimpey. He was born June 3, 1837, in Hamilton county, Tenn. When he was about three years old his parents moved to Illinois, and in 1844 settled in what is now McDonald county, where the object of this sketch was reared. He took advantage of the meager facilities for schools, and by close application secured a fair education which he has since greatly improved by an extensive course of reading. He and Miss Mary Kinslow were united in marriage in December, 1859. To them have been born four children, two of whom died in infancy. Their son, Joshua L. Wimpey is now a Justice of the Peace, elected in 1894, and a respected citizen of this county. The daughter Tennie B. is the wife of Ed Rudisill, a merchant at Anderson, this county. Being an uncompromising Union man, Mr. Wimpey was compelled to leave this county in the early part of the war, consequently he enlisted, August 2, 1862, in the 6th Kansas Cavalry, and served to the close of the war. He participated in several engagements

among which were those at Newtonia, Prairie Grove and Honey Springs. At the election November, 1866, he was elected assessor of this county, which office he filled two years. In 1868 he was elected Sheriff and Collector, which he also held two years. In 1871 he was appointed by Gov. Brown to fill a vacancy in the county court. He has since been nominated for various county offices on the Republican ticket but his party having been greatly in the minority, he has each time been defeated. He was a staunch Republican until 1894, since which time he has been a Populist with strong leanings towards Socialism. In religion he is an Agnostic; by occupation a farmer. Being a man of strong convictions and out spoken in defending what he believes to be right, he made some enemies while in public life but his dealings, whether as an official or in private life, have always been honorable, and his whole life on the side of morality, intelligence and progression.







JOHN B. CHRISTENSEN.

JOHN BENJAMIN CHRISTENSEN, was born in Malta Bend, Saline County, Missouri, April 2, 1876. In 1877 his parents moved near Odessa, Missouri where they lived until 1887, when they went to Kansas City which place was John's home until he and his wife came to McDonald County to take up their residence. He received his education in the public schools. From the Westport High School entering the Law Department of the Missouri State University in September, 1893, he graduated from that Institution in June, 1895, at the age of nineteen and

as valedictorian of a class in which he was the youngest student. Besides having attained the highest standard of proficiency during the whole course, he had the distinction of writing a prize thesis on a legal subject submitted by the Law Faculty, the Judge of merit being the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court. He was admitted to the bar before the Supreme Court, June 7, 1895, since which time he has devoted himself to the practice.



## J. A. JACKSON.

JOHN ALONZO JACKSON, oldest son of Samuel H. and Mary J. Jackson, was born in Neosho, Missouri, March 16, 1870. He received a good education in the common schools of Neosho, where he spent his childhood and youth. He and Miss Esther Page of Neosho, were married December 4, 1892. They have one child, Margueritte, born at Neosho, Nov. 21, 1893. From July, 1889, to May 1892, he was deputy circuit clerk of Newton county. Is a member of the First Congregational church of Neosho. Has never held an office.

Mr. Jackson has always taken an active part in politics, having been secretary of the Newton county executive committee, president of the Republican club of Neosho and chairman of the Republican executive committee of that city. He stumped Newton county in behalf of the Republican party in 1892, 1894 and 1896. He was admitted to the bar in May 1892 and practiced at Neosho until February, 1897, when he located at Pineville. Here he is building up a good reputation and with it a good legal business, having proven himself a lawyer of fine abilities.

## L. W. CARLYLE.

THE object of this sketch was born in Delaware county, Indiana, October 16, 1850. He remained in that state, attending the district schools during his boyhood, until 1870, at which time he came to McDonald county. December 28, 1876, he was united in marriage with Miss Callie C. Stevenson of this county. They have seven children, Flora E., Franklin, John, Vernon, Howard, Lemuel and Lois.

He has been collector of Southwest City three years, street commissioner five years and city marshal five years, all of which speak of his moral worth and standing among the people. He is a member of the M. E. Church, south, an Odd Fellow and Mason. In politics, he is a Republican, and is counted as one of the leading men of that party. He has never sought or held an office outside of his city, though his name has been mentioned on one or two occasions as a candidate on the county ticket. Should he ever come before the people they can rest assured that an honest and competent man will be asking their favors.



## DAN HARMON.

DAN HARMON, son of Mark and Elizabeth Harmon, was born in Greencounty, Tenn. July 22, 1833. His parents came to McDonald county in 1847, and from that time until the present the Harmons have been among the leading people of this county. Dan remained with his parents five years after their arrival here, during which time he went to school three months, Moses Pollard being the teacher. In 1852 he went to California to seek his fortune in the gold diggings. He drove an ox team and was six months and one day on the road. It is useless to remark that Mr. Harmon did not die on the road, but he passed through the desert where for miles the trail was lined with the carcasses of dead cattle and horses and the bones of many human beings were bleaching in the sun where they had perished from heat and thirst. He remained west of the Rocky mountains thirteen years, returning in 1865. On his return he brought with him \$5,500, and spent \$1,000 on his way home.

In December, 1866, he and Miss Nancy J. Walker, daughter of Hon. Claudius B. Walker

of this county, were married. They have had eight children, five of whom are living. Mr. Harmon was public administrator a few years after the war. He has served as Justice of the Peace and post master. For some years he was in the mercantile business at Erie, where he enjoyed a good trade until burnt out. He owns a fine farm on Indian creek where he lives in good, comfortable style, and where he and Mrs. Harmon dispense hospitality to their numerous friends in a truly royal manner.



## JUDGE I. N. SHAMBAUGH.

FOR nearly twenty years the man whose name stands at the head of this page was an honored and prominent member of our community. Judge Shambaugh was born in Warren county, Virginia, September 29, 1823. In 1841 he moved to DeKalb county Missouri, where he remained until the war came up. He was a self educated man, having studied during his leisure time at home. He studied law in DeKalb county and began his career there as a practitioner. In 1858 he was elected a member to the State Legislature, and re-elected in 1860, being a member when the question of Secession came up. He met with the General Assembly at Neosho and opposed that measure, but afterwards espoused the cause.

During the Mexican war the Governor of this state issued him a commission as Lieutenant Colonel, but the war closed before he reached the scene of conflict. About the close of the war he went to Nebraska City, Neb., where he practiced law seven years. While in active practice he had remarkable success and won a brilliant reputation. The close confinement and hard study together with the severe climate were more than he could bear, and his health

gave way. For this reason he came to McDonald county in 1873, and purchased a large farm on Elk River where it crosses the stateline. Here he was engaged in farming and dealing in stock until his death. As in every other venture which he ever undertook, he made a success of this and was counted one of the wealthiest men in the county. The management of our county officers had been quite improvident and in some instances there were strong indications of fraud. The county was in debt some \$30,000 and county warrants worth but 25 cents on the dollar. Judge Shambaugh promised the people that if they would elect him presiding Judge he would get the county out of debt. Accordingly in 1876 he was elected to that office, also Probate Judge, and re-elected in 1880. He inaugurated a system of rigid economy and before half of his second term was out had paid the entire debt and raised the warrants to par. Having accomplished the object for which he was elected, he handed in his resignation. His public life and sterling worth as a private citizen gave him a high place in the estimation of our people, and he could have held any office within their gift, but he preferred the peace and quiet of his farm life. He was married in 1850 and they had three children all of whom are living in this county. He died in November, 1892.





J. W. SHIELDS.

AMONG the enterprising men of this county is J. W. Shields, the genteel cashier of the McDonald County bank. He was born in this county, Nov. 14, 1856. He is the son of George R. Shields formerly of Tenn., who came to this Co. in 1846. He secured a good education in the schools at Southwest City, near which his father resides. He taught school two years, two terms being in Southwest City. He established a mercantile business at Saratoga in 1880. He was at that place seven years, four of which

he was postmaster. He then moved his business to Southwest City, where he was also postmaster until Benjamin Harrison appointed his successor. He remained at that place until he took charge of the Circuit Clerk and Recorders office to which he was elected in 1890. He filled the office with great credit and was a candidate for re-election, but went under with the Republican wave that swept this county in 1894. He at once established the bank which he has made a great success. His extensive improvements have given employment to a number of men. His residence is one of the finest and best arranged in the county. He and Miss Lulie Riggs of Saratoga were married Oct. 14, 1880. They have four children living. Mr. and Mrs. Shields are members of the Baptist church, and he is a great Sunday school worker, and has been clerk of the Shoal Creek Association for the last five years. He owns a fine set of abstract books and does an extensive Abstract and Real Estate business.

## REV. T. A. COFFELT.

REV. THEODORE A. COFFELT, M. D., is the fifth son of Rev. Wyatt Coffelt, who now lives in Bentonville, Ark., aged 85 years. Dr. Coffelt was born on Buffalo, McDonald county Missouri April 10, 1855. He was reared and educated in Benton county Ark. where his father moved to when he was quite young. He studied medicine and attended the Medical Department of the Vanderbilt University at Nashville Tenn. in 1883-84. He began the practice of medicine in Benton county Ark. in April 1884. In Oct. 1885 he was married to Miss Mary C. Clayton, daughter of Rev. J. M. Clayton, a member of the Arkansas Conference. Dr. Coffelt graduated at the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis Mo. March 2nd, 1886. He continued practice in Arkansas until January 1892 when he moved to St. Louis. Here he took a Post graduate course in diseases of the eye and was appointed as an assistant in the Eye Clinic under Dr. Chas. E. Michel in the Polyclinic and Post Graduate School of Medicine. In April 1893 he was licensed to preach as a local minister in the M. E. Church South, and in June 1893 moved

to Carthage Mo. where he practiced as a Specialist in eye and ear diseases until Sept. 1895 when he was admitted on trial into South West Mo. Conference held at Webb City Mo. by Bishop Duncan and was appointed to the Pineville Circuit. While at Carthage he was appointed by the Pension Dept. as special examiner for southwest Missouri in eye and ear diseases. He has served this Charge for two years and has been successful in building up the church; has secured 95 into the church, built three good church houses and a beautiful and substantial parsonage during these two years of labor for the church. He has been very successful as a physician and enjoys considerable reputation as an Oculist. As a preacher he is able and earnest, and a great honor to the calling. He has three children two boys and one girl.





## J. W. SMITH.

AMONG the prominent and self made young men of our county is John W. Smith, our county school commissioner. He is the son of George W. and Elizabeth Smith, and was born in this county September 24, 1866. His parents moved to Granby about 1874 and remained there three years when they returned to this county. John was educated in the district schools, attended a few months at Pleasant Hope and finished his last school days as a student at Warrensburg Missouri. He has been teaching school for several years and is one of our most accomplished scholars. In the spring of 1895 he was elected county school commissioner, and re-elected in 1897. He is filling the office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people. He is a member of the Christian church and of the Masonic order.

Mr. Smith has had many disadvantages to overcome, but has triumphed over all and is an example of what perseverance, energy and close application will do for a young man.

## F. A. SEARS.

F. A. SEARS was born in McHenry county, Illinois, March 12, 1858. He is a son of Charley and Jane Sears. His parents moved to Iowa in 1861, and five years later came to Jasper county Missouri. Mr. Sears has lived in Missouri and Kansas ever since. He obtained a fair education at the district schools, and when quite a young man began work in a mill. He learned the trade at Lowell, Kansas, and for nearly twenty years has followed that business. In May, 1881, he and Miss Mary Ann Scholes of Cherokee county, Kansas, were united in marriage. They have four children, two boys and two girls. Ten years ago he came to this county and most of the time has had charge of the McNatt Mills. He is now in the mercantile business with Woolard & Co. at that place, but has leased the Galbraith Mills at Lanagan where he now lives. Mr. Sears stands well with the people wherever he is known, and his reputation for fair dealing is universal all over Southwest Missouri. His business has been such for the past few years that it was much more difficult for him to fill all of his orders than to find sale for his products.

## GEORGE R. CLAY.

AMONG the young men who have risen to distinction in this county is George R. Clay. He was born at Aurora, Illinois, July 23, 1870, and came with his parents, M. W. and Nancy L. Clay, to Newton county Missouri in 1880. He attended the country school near his home a few years then went to school at Fort Scott, Kansas and Kansas City, Mo., until he received a good education. He then entered the law office of Col. Cloud at Pierce City where he read law until admitted to the bar at Neosho in 1892. During the Cherokee payment in 1894 he was in the Indian Territory buying Cherokee warrants for the Grand Forks, South Dakota National Bank. In January, 1895, he located at Pineville to practice his profession, and from the first made a phenomenal success. Though young and inexperienced in the practice, he won nearly all his cases and the first year made more money than any other lawyer ever made in this county in the same time. In 1896 he was nominated by the Democratic party for

Prosecuting Attorney, and endorsed by the Populist. In the election which followed he received a majority over his opponent of 556 votes. Since taking charge of the office he has proven a vigorous prosecutor and is administering his office with credit to the party which elected him. Mr. Clay is a man of brilliant intellect and will evidently rise to distinction in his profession.





## ANDREW J. MCKINNEY.

FOR many years, one of the most prominent men in the west part of our county, is Dr. A. J. McKinney, of Tiff City. He was born in Bradley county, Tennessee, May 19, 1853. With his parents, Adaniram and Sarah McKinney, he moved to Madison county, Missouri, in 1860. His father, who was a soldier in the Southern army, died in 1862. His mother now lives at Tiff City. He received a good education in the public schools of his place, and afterwards graduated from the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, in 1882. Having studied medicine before entering college, he located at Marquand, in this state where he practiced two years. After graduating, he returned to that place and remained two years more. In 1884 he located at Tiff City, where he soon acquired an extensive and lucrative practice. Being studious and very attentive to his patients, and having a natural talent for his profession, he met with uncommon success. He also established a small drug store, which he has gradually in-

creased until now he has a large stock of drugs and medicines and also a hardware.

On the 5, day of October, 1881 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Griffin, of Fredericktown, Missouri. She died January 20, 1884, leaving two children, Ollie and William H. The Dr. was again married June 2, 1886, to Miss Nellie Chase, a daughter of John R. Chase, now of Seneca. He has always been a Democrat, is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the Baptist church.



## DAN HUCKINS.

MR. HUCKINS was born August 3, 1849, in Iriquois county, Illinois. His youth was spent near Kankakee and Chicago. He obtained a common school education in the district schools and at Elgin, Illinois. In 1867 he was married to Miss Anna Porter. To them was born a boy, James, who is still living. Mrs. Huckins died several years ago. In 1869 he went to White Cloud, Kansas, and for five years traveled over that state as a photographer. He afterwards located at Craig, Missouri, on the Kansas City, Omaha & Council Bluffs rail road, where he carried on a wagon shop. At this place he held the office of city clerk, assessor and collector. In 1879 his establishment was destroyed by the flood. He made a boat in which he rowed out to his shop, secured what tools he could find and then floated down the river to Kansas City. From there he came to Seneca, where he remained two years. In 1881 he located at Tiff City where for the last sixteen years he has kept a wagon shop, been notary public, justice

of the peace, post master and local attorney. Although the office is one of considerable importance, he has held it under both Dem. and Rep. administrations, which speaks well for him as a public man. Some years after coming to this county he was united in marriage with Mrs. Nancy J. Foster, by whom he has three children. He united with the M. E. church, south, in 1887. Is an Odd Fellow, Good Templar, and belongs to the Sons of Temperance, of which order he has been State Deputy. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W., Select Knights and Woodmen of the World.





## JUDGE W. E. SMITH.

WILLIAM E. SMITH was born in Lincoln county Kentucky in September 1844, and is a son of John C. Smith of Neosho Missouri. Wm. E. Smith received an education in the common schools of Clay and Marion counties Ill., his family having settled in the former county in 1849, and in the latter in 1854. He came to Missouri in 1867, and located in Newton county where for one year he was engaged in farming, thence in 1868 he removed to Jasper county where he remained engaged in farming and mining until 1872, when he returned to Newton county, and continued farming and stock raising until 1879. He then engaged in the Mercantile business at Thurman that county of which place he was appointed post master on April 16, 1880, continuing in office and business until January 1882, when he removed to Indian Springs McDonald county Mo. There he engaged in merchandise and real estate business, and was elected chairman of the town council. In the fall of 1882 was elected justice of the peace which office he resigned in Dec. 1884, to take charge of the Probate judge's office to which he had been elected the preceding Nov. to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of judge I. N. Shambaugh. In Nov. 1886 he was re-elected

and in Nov. 1890 he again was re-elected his own successor. In Nov. 1894 he was the Nominee of his party for the same office, but was defeated by the heroic efforts of his enemies and combination of two parties, and on the first day of Jan. 1895 he turned the Probate office over after ten years service. In 1893 he purchased the Pineville News and at once changed the name of the paper to the Pineville Democrat which he published until Jan. 1896, when he sold his interest, since which time he has been engaged in the Hotel and Real Estate business and was commissioned Notary Public by Gov. Stone on Dec. 17, 1894. He was married to Harriett A. Smith a daughter of Wm. C. Smith on May 11, 1865 and to them was born seven children: those living are Jerusha E. A., Richard R., Lodosca L. and Edward C. Mrs. Smith died on June 5, 1879, and on February 22, 1883, Mr. Smith married Mrs. Virginia T. Tweedy. Mr. Smith still resides in Pineville and takes a very active part in the politics of the day. He is a member of the Congressional and Senatorial Democratic committies, of which party he is a loyal and able member. He has been a member of our school board much of the time since his residence here, and takes an active part in all public improvements. He is also an Odd Fellow in which order he is serving his second term as Noble Grand. His ten years experience in the Probate office has given him a thorough knowledge of that business and he is doing the most extensive Probate practice of any lawyer in the county.

## H. C. PEPPER.

HENRY C. PEPPER was born in Hart county, Kentucky, August 13, 1851. He grew up on a farm in the state of his birth, where he learned the habits of industry which he still follows closely. He attended Normal school three years at Canmer, Ky., also attended Classical and Military College at Danville, Ky., and Neophogen College, Gallatin, Tennessee. He studied law at Cumberland University, Lebanon Tennessee, where he graduated in 1879, receiving the degree of L. L. B.

Having thus made a thorough preparation for entering the battle of life, he started out on that all important struggle. Being without means, he began by teaching school which he followed for some time. After coming west he was in Kansas a short time, then in the North part of this state. He located at Pineville in 1882 or 1883, since which time he has confined himself exclusively to the law practice. Being a strong Democrat and good worker in the ranks of the party, he soon came into prominence. In 1886 he was nominated on that ticket and elected prosecuting attorney. At the end of his first term he was again elected. From the

time of taking charge of that office he rapidly rose in the estimation of our people as a man and as a lawyer, and at the close of his second term ranked among the leading lawyers of this judicial circuit. In 1891 he went to Cassville where he is now living. He was soon recognized as the head of the bar in Barry county, and his business extends to all the counties of this judicial circuit, and considerable in other counties, besides an extensive practice in the St. Louis Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. He is always pronounced in upholding right and denouncing wrong, and his influence in our county was such that the entire moral standard was raised. In other words, while public prosecutor he sought the influence of and set to work the better element in each community.

He was married to Miss Adrenna Wilson of Pineville, October 5, 1890. They have two children, Henry W. and Lura D.





## HON. JOHN C. LAMSON.

JUDGE LAMSON was born in Jefferson county New York, Nov. 29, 1827. His father, Peter Lamson, was a native of Vermont, but moved to New York when a child. When the subject of this sketch was a small child his parents removed to Madison county, Ohio, where they resided three years, then went to LaGrange county Indiana. There John C. Lamson was reared on a farm, securing his education at Oberlin College, from which institution he graduated in 1857. He then entered the law department of the University of New York, at Albany, graduating in 1859. During the fall of 1860 he traveled through Texas with a view to locating, but political excitement and animosities prevented. He afterwards traveled through the Central and Western states, and was at Sunrise, Minn., when Fort Sumpter was fired on. Immediately returning to Indiana, he enlisted, April 19, 1861, in the Federal army, but was not received in the three months' call. He, however, remained at Indianapolis, and as soon as the call was made for 75,000 three-year men he enlisted as a private in Company B, Seventeenth, Indiana Infantry. This regiment served on foot until the early part of 1863, after which they served

as mounted infantry until the close of the war. Mr. Lamson was promoted to the position of first lieutenant in the winter of 1861-62, and was discharged as captain. He participated in the battles of Greenbriar, West Virginia, Shiloh, Stone River, Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, McMinnville, Farmington, and was almost continuously in the field at the front. Mr. Lamson came to Pineville in the winter of 1865, locating permanently in the spring of 1866, since which time he was actively engaged in practicing his profession, until he took charge of his present office, January 1, 1893. On November 13, 1872, he was united in marriage with Lois A. Santley a daughter of Joseph Santley, of Wellington, Ohio. She was born on the Western Reserve, Ohio, in Loraine County. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion is a member of the Congregational Church of Neosho, Mo. In 1870 Mr. Lamson was elected to represent McDonald County in the State Legislature, and has served as prosecuting attorney for one or two terms. In November, 1892, he was elected Judge of this Judicial Circuit, which position he still holds. As a judge he has gained a reputation for honesty, fairness and judicial ability, and has the friendship of all the legal fraternity.

## M. N. LAMANCE.

MARCUS N. LAMANCE was born at Saratoga, McDonald county, Missouri, October 16, 1844. He has always lived in this county, and most of his life has been a citizen of Pineville. His father, J. P. LaMance, was a merchant at this place for many years, and served as county treasurer one or two terms, Marcus spent his early days in farming and clerking in a store. During the first years of the war he remained at home, and was present when the court house was burnt. At one time he came near being lynched by some Kansas troops, but was saved by the entreaties of his mother. After this he enlisted in the Confederate army and served two years.

In 1878 he began the mercantile business here, which he has followed for nearly twenty years. He has made a success, and now occupies a handsome two story brick, which is filled with a well selected stock of goods. He is now county treasurer, which office he has held one or two previous terms. He was appointed post master in 1879 and held the position until after the installment of Harrison in 1889. He is a Mason and a member of the Chapter.

## MRS. LORA S. LAMANCE

LORA S. NICHOLS was born in Wolcottville, Indiana, April 2, 1857. Her father, Nelson Nichols was a native of New York, and her mother, Keziah (Waltman), of Pennsylvania. Lora received a liberal education in the States of Minnesota and Ohio, but was compelled to quit school before graduating on account of ill health. She came to Southwest Missouri in 1878. April 14, 1880, she and M. N. LaMance of Pineville were united in marriage. They have one child Lora, who is now attending college at Neosho. They have an elegant home, and for many years the beautiful plants and flowers have been an object of attraction to all our people.

Mrs. LaMance early developed talent as an authoress, but did not begin writing for the press until 1888. Her natural taste for flowers, and the "beautiful in life" inspired her pen and her literary productions soon gained notoriety. Besides fugitive pieces she has written three horticultural books "House Plants," "Beautiful Home Surroundings," and "Insects." Twenty thousand copies of one of these books were sold in a year's time. She was offered the editorship of two floral journals, one of which is the leading journal of the world. As Mr. LaMance's health



was too delicate to make a change to a severer climate, she rejected the offer. She has a letter from the literary editor of the Kansas City Star commending in very high terms an article of hers he chanced to read in an exchange.

She is a constant temperance worker, having taken the lead in that work in this county for several years past. Much of her work has been done through the W. C. T. U., of which she is county president, and her efforts have produced a decided change in public opinion on that question. She is in favor of Woman's Suffrage, and is a member of the Congregational church.



## DR. J. E. EDELEN.

JOHNSON E. EDELEN, son of Joseph B. and Agnes O. Edelen, was born in Washington City, D. C., November 15, 1848. He attended school at Georgetown college and afterwards graduated at the Cecilian College, Hardin county, Kentucky. He read medicine in his father's office some four years after which he graduated in the medical department of the University at Louisville, Kentucky, at which place his father had located after the war.

In 1871 the doctor went to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he remained about a year. He then went back to Louisville and remained until after his father's death, and then located a few years at Bardstown, Ky. He then went to Colorado on account of his health, and remained about four years. He came to Pineville in 1886, since which time he has been practicing medicine and operating a drug store. He was married July 20, 1871 to Miss Mattie B. Carroll, of Arkansas, a grand niece of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, who signed the Declaration of Independence. His mother was a niece of the distinguished Rev. Abercrombie of Philadelphia. They have two children living Joseph and Katie. He has twice been elected coroner of this county by a large majority over a popular opponent and filled the office with great credit.

## HON. W. C. PRICE.

WILLIAM C. PRICE was born in Jackson county Tennessee, March 11, 1821. His father, Campbell Price, was a native of South Carolina, who removed his family to Benton, then Washington County, Ark., in 1829. Thence he removed to Bowers Mill, in what is now Lawrence County Mo., late in 1833. The next year he went to Newton County, coming to McDonald County in 1835. He entered government land and settled on Boffalo creek where the subject of this sketch now resides. It was here that he reared his family and passed the remainder of his days. Hon. William C. Price grew to manhood at the home of his parents, assisting in the work of the farm. He can remember when wild animals were very plentiful in the region of his home, and Indians often hunted up and down the valleys. On February 1, 1844, Mr. Price was united in marriage with Clarinda, a daughter of James F. Beeman, and to them were born twelve children. Politically he is a Democrat, and his party has favored him with several important offices. For four years he served as sheriff of the county, and represented the same in the State Legislature from 1873 to

1877. For six years he served as superintendent of the United States Flouring Mills in the Seneca Nation, Indian Territory. During the Civil War he sympathized with the South and served in the Confederate army as a member of Captain Parks' Company H, Second Cherokee Regiment, with which he participated in the battles of Fort Gibson and Armstrong Ford. He was one of the leaders of his party for many years and served as chairman of the county committee several terms. He is now living out his old days in peace and plenty at the old home where he grew to manhood.





## A. TABLER.

ASA TABLER was born in McDonough county, Illinois in 1849. He was a son of Thomas H. and Louisa Tabler. He grew up to manhood near the place of his birth but, like so many other young men concluded to "go west and grow up with the country." Asa doesn't say whether he had been reading Horace Greely, or just took his advice from his own personal inclination and ideas. Be this as it may he came west and the first point he struck was Fort Smith, Arkansas. He remained there but a short time, then went to Fayetteville, Arkansas, where he remained about a year. He then went to Linn county this state where he remained some eight or nine years. After this his thoughts wandered back to Arkansas, and he went back to that state. This time he stopped at Bentonville where he remained a short time, but failed to find a suitable investment for his means. After looking around for some time he located at Southwest City, about 1886, where for the last eleven years he has been one of the leading business men of that place. His occupation most of the time has been keeping Hotel and Livery stable. His estimable wife is pro-

ficient in the former business and they are both of such a friendly disposition that every one is made to feel welcome and fed on the best that can be found in the market.

His livery is one of the best in this county and he has the name of taking the best of care of horses put up at his stable. You need never look to see that they are properly fed and watered. He has lately completed a handsome building on Main street which they expect to occupy when their present lease expires. In 1879 he and Miss Mattie Sharp of Bentonville, Ark., were married; they have no children.



## JOSEPH W. KELLY.

THE subject of this sketch was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, three miles South of the city of Warsaw. Like nearly all country boys he had to depend on the district school for an education, going to such school during the winter months only. He lived and worked on the farm until June, 1862, when he went into the United States army, being a member of Co., "K" 74th. Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He served with his company to the close of the war, participating in the battles of Green River, Mumfordsville, Kentucky, Hoovers Gap, Tenn, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and the battles and skirmishes of the Great Atlanta campaign, and marched with Sherman to the sea. After the war he went to Iowa, then to the far northwest where he participated in several skirmishes with others fighting hostile Indians. After several years in the mountains and on the plains he returned to Indiana, remaining there for a few years, then back Iowa. and then to McDonald county, Missouri, in April, 1893. With J. H. Qualls he established the Anderson Messenger in June, 1893, and in November, 1893, disposed of his interest to Mr. Qualls; on December 1st of the same year assumed charge of the Pineville Democrat for W.

E. Smith & Co., who had just purchased the office. He remained with Smith & Co., two years and then with F. A. Freeze, who had become interested in the office, until August, 1896, when he assumed control of the paper by purchase and lease and is still its editor and publisher. Under his management the paper has steadily increased in circulation and influence and is regarded with favor and confidence by its party and adherents as well as the people at large. He is a free silver Democrat all the time and under all circumstances.

July 2, 1893, he was married to Miss Kate L. Neff of Pineville. To this union has been born one daughter Miss Viola M. Kelley, a bright little Miss of three Summers. Mr. Kelly came to McDonald county on account of poor health, and the result is that our fine climate and pure water made a comparatively well man of him, and he now thinks this the county of all communities for the poor in health as well as poor in purse.





M. C. FALKENBURY.



MATTHEW CLARK FALKENBURY was born in Mercer county, Illinois, on July 19, 1861, and was raised in Washington county, that state, up to the age of 18 years. He acquired an education mostly in the common schools and was graduated in the Bachelor of Science degree at the Central Normal College of Danville, Ind., in 1884, and came west in the same year. In 1888 he founded the Southwest Leader at Southwest City. He was married to Miss Grace McClain, of Coffeyville, Kan., in 1888. His father, Don A. Falkenbury is a native of eastern New York who emigrated to Illinois at an early day and later to Florida. His mother, Miranda E. Miller, was raised at Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Falkenbury is a man of superior ability and publishes a paper of which Southwest City and McDonald county should be proud.

## REV. M. L. STEWART.

MARCUS L. STEWART, son of Thomas H. and Julia M. Stewart, was born in Lawrence county Kentucky, September 19, 1862. Two years afterwards his parents moved to Davis county, Missouri, and five years later to Montgomery county, Kansas. Mr. Stewart attended the district schools during boyhood, where he obtained a common school education, and then took a short term at Scarrett College, Neosho. September 21, 1882, he and Miss Segornia Eppard, of this county, were united in marriage, which union has been blessed with seven children, all of whom are living. For several years he was engaged in farming, teaching school through the winters months.

Mr. Stewart early identified himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was ordained a minister of that denomination some five years ago. He has gained a host of friends wherever he has taught or preached, and many of our people, and especially the children, will remember him with pleasure. In 1896 he went to Idaho, where he had charge of a circuit for some months, and then returned to this county to finish up his business. He was quite favorably impressed with the people and location there and expects to make his home there. He established and carried to a successful termination the Chautauqua at Southwest City this fall, for which commendable enterprise he will have the lasting praise and esteem of her people.

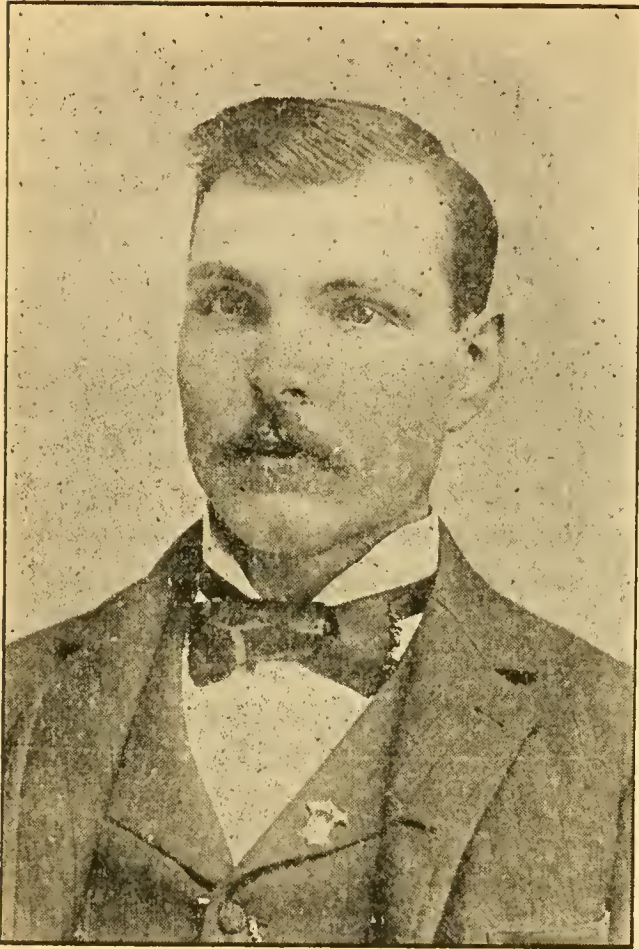
## A. C. WALTERS.

ALBERT C. WALTERS, son of John U. and Margaret (Tyler) Walters, was born in Switzerland, September 2, 1844. In 1847 his parents came to this country, first settling at Camden, N. J. The next year they went to the city of Philadelphia where they remained about five years, then went to Burks county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Walters attended school first in Philadelphia and afterwards at the schools near his father's home in Burks county. He enlisted at Reading, Pa., in the fall of 1862, in the 151st Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served eleven months, and was in the battle of Gettysburg.

He first came to Polk county, this state, in 1868. The next year he went back east, but soon returned and has been in Southwest Missouri ever since. He and Miss Mary E. Brown, of this county, were married in 1871; they have five children living and two dead.

He came to this county in 1882, and bought the old mill where Bosserman now is. After refitting it he sold it, and in June, 1883, bought out A. M. Dillin of Pineville. From that time to September, 1897, he was one of the leading merchants of that place. He then sold to Carnell & Duval. He has been engaged in farming, milling and merchandise, and is a good carpenter. He has not united with any church, but is strictly moral and his influence is for Christianity. He has always been a Democrat, but now is a Prohibitionist. In 1884 he was elected treasurer of this county which position he filled with credit, and had the name of keeping a remarkably neat set of books which balanced to a cent on his final settlement.





F. A. FREEZE.

FURLON A. FREEZE, son of Elbert F. S. and Eliza J. (Hankins) Freeze, was born in Barry county, Mo., Jan. 29, 1870, his parents having come to this state from Tenn. He was brought up on a farm and attended the district schools during the winters. He went to the Cassville High

School four years, Exeter two years and the Baptist College at Pierce City one year.

In 1888 he began teaching and has followed that work since, except while attending school, which he alternated with teaching as he could secure funds to pay expenses. In 1892 he took a trip through Kansas, Colorado and Texas looking for a more favorable location, but returned to Southwest Missouri after an absence of ten months. In 1896 he edited the Pineville Democrat for eight months, but sold his interest in the paper and took charge of a school. He was elected constable of Pineville township on the Democratic ticket in 1896. The 20th day of



February, 1896, he and Miss Effie Farmer, one of Pineville's most intelligent and popular young ladies, were married. Both are members of the Baptist church. After remaining in this county from 1894 to the spring of 1897, he returned to Barry county where he owns a nice farm and is also following his profession of teacher.





MRS. P. A. T. YOCUM.

PHOEBE ANN TREMBLE YOCUM, Daughter of Hiram and Sarah Tremble, was born at Mattoon, Cole county, Illinois, December 5, 1846. There she remained during her childhood and youth, and was educated in the McFarland Seminary, Mattoon, which she attended three years. She discovered considerable ability as a writer during her school days, and began writing for the papers when but twelve years of age. During the war she corresponded for the local pa-

pers, and since coming west for many years was reporter for the St. Louis Daily papers. She was married in Cole county, Illinois, June 2, 1866, to William M. Yocum also of that county. They have had six children, five of whom are living.

After her marriage Mrs. Yocum discontinued her literary work for a number of years, taking it up again about 1880. She contributed articles to the Journal of Agriculture, St. Louis, for seven years, at the same time writing for several magazines. Most of her productions have been short stories, but some three years ago she was called on to write a continued story, and her effort in that line met with such favor that she now has a number which have been accepted by the publishers. She is preparing to put some of her writings on the market in book form, and has assurances of success.

Mrs. Yocum has lived in McDonald county about fifteen years. She is a leading temperance worker, occupies a prominent place in the W. C. T. U , and holds a life membership in the Christian Endeavor, of which she is very proud. She and her husband are both members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

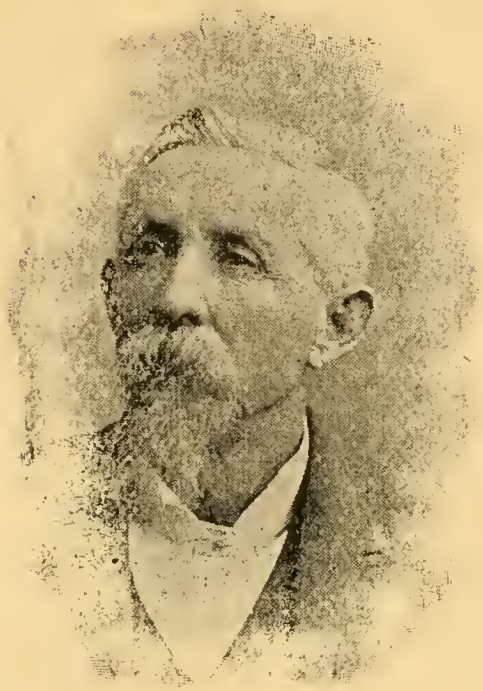
## J. A. FOSTER.

THE subject of this sketch was born on Pea Ridge, Benton county, Arkansas, September 24, 1854. He grew to manhood in the county of his birth, and received a liberal education at the Pea Ridge Academy, then known as Mount Vernon Academy. In 1873 he came to this county where he has resided most of the time since.

Mr. Foster began teaching in 1873, his first school being at Poplar Hill on Big Sugar creek. He followed teaching for fifteen years, and was regarded as one of our best instructors. A few years he was engaged in farming, then about the year 1893 he went to Cyclone and put up a small store where he remained about five years. In the fall of '97 he removed to Jane where he and T. J. Carnell have a good stock of general merchandise.

In 1882 he and Miss Katie Potts of McDonald county were married. They have four children all of whom are living. Politically he has always been a staunch Republican. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen, in which order he carries a life insurance for the benefit of his family. He takes much interest in the affairs of his community, and it was through his exertions and influence that Cyclone township was established.





HON. JOHN F. TANDY.

J. F. TANDY, son of J. P. and Elizabeth (Parnell) Tandy, was born in Carroll county, Kentucky, March 21, 1838. That was also the birth place of his parents. He came with his father to Lewis county, Missouri, in 1850, and has lived in this state ever since. When he was a boy school facilities, as well as lights, were meager, and his education was acquired by three month's attendance of the district school, and the balance at home by the light of hickory bark fires. He was married to Miss M. H. Townsend of Knox county, August 20, 1860. She bore him six children, five of whom are living, then died,

November 4, 1891. July 23, 1893, he and Mrs. Susan M. Moore of Osceola, St. Clair county, were married which union was blessed with one little girl.

Mr. Tandy began his official career in February, 1878, when he was appointed by Governor Phelps, as Presiding Judge of the county court of St. Clair county to fill a vacancy. That fall he was elected to that office, thus serving three years. In 1886 he was again elected to that office which he held the ensuing four years. Those were stormy times in St. Clair county on account of the attempt to enforce the collection of rail road bonds that had been issued several years before but no road ever built. Judge Tandy believing the bonds were fraudulent, refused to levy a tax for their collection, for which he was incarcerated in the Federal jail at Jefferson City for seven months, beginning November 1887. He endured the imprisonment but never made the levy.

He came to McDonald county in Sept., 1893 and owns a good farm on Patterson creek. In 1894 he was nominated by the Populist for representative, and ran 100 votes ahead of his ticket. In 1896 he was nominated by both Democrats and Populists, and elected by a majority of 621. He is a man of fine appearance, an eloquent speaker and his services in the state legislature have been credible to himself, and for what he considered the best interest of his constituents. He is a minister in the Christian church to which he devotes much of his time.



C. E. DUVAL.

CLAIB E. DUVAL, son of Dr. W. C. Duval of Pineville, was born at Rutledge, the old county seat, December 25, 1858, and has lived here the greater part of his life. He secured a good education in the public schools at Pineville. In 1872 he went into a printing office and learned the trade, and has been in the newspaper business nearly all the time since. One of his first ventures was the Saratoga Eagle, which he published while that town was in its prime. He

also set up the forms for the first paper that was printed in Southwest City.

He was publisher of the Pineville News for many years, and which he made one of the best papers in the county. He sold that paper in the fall of 1893, but after trying a couple of other locations, returned in a few months and started the Herald, which he still publishes.

In September, 1897, he entered into a copartnership with P. L. Carnell, and bought the mercantile establishment and good will of A. C. Walters, and they are now one of the leading firms of the county seat.

He and Miss Mary J. Hamilton, who was born and raised in Indiana, were married at Eldorado Springs, Arkansas, February 23, 1882. They have four children—two girls and two boys—Clarice, Claude, Bessie and Vincil—aged respectively 14, 11, 9 and 6 years.



## MR. AND MRS. S. D. PRESTON.

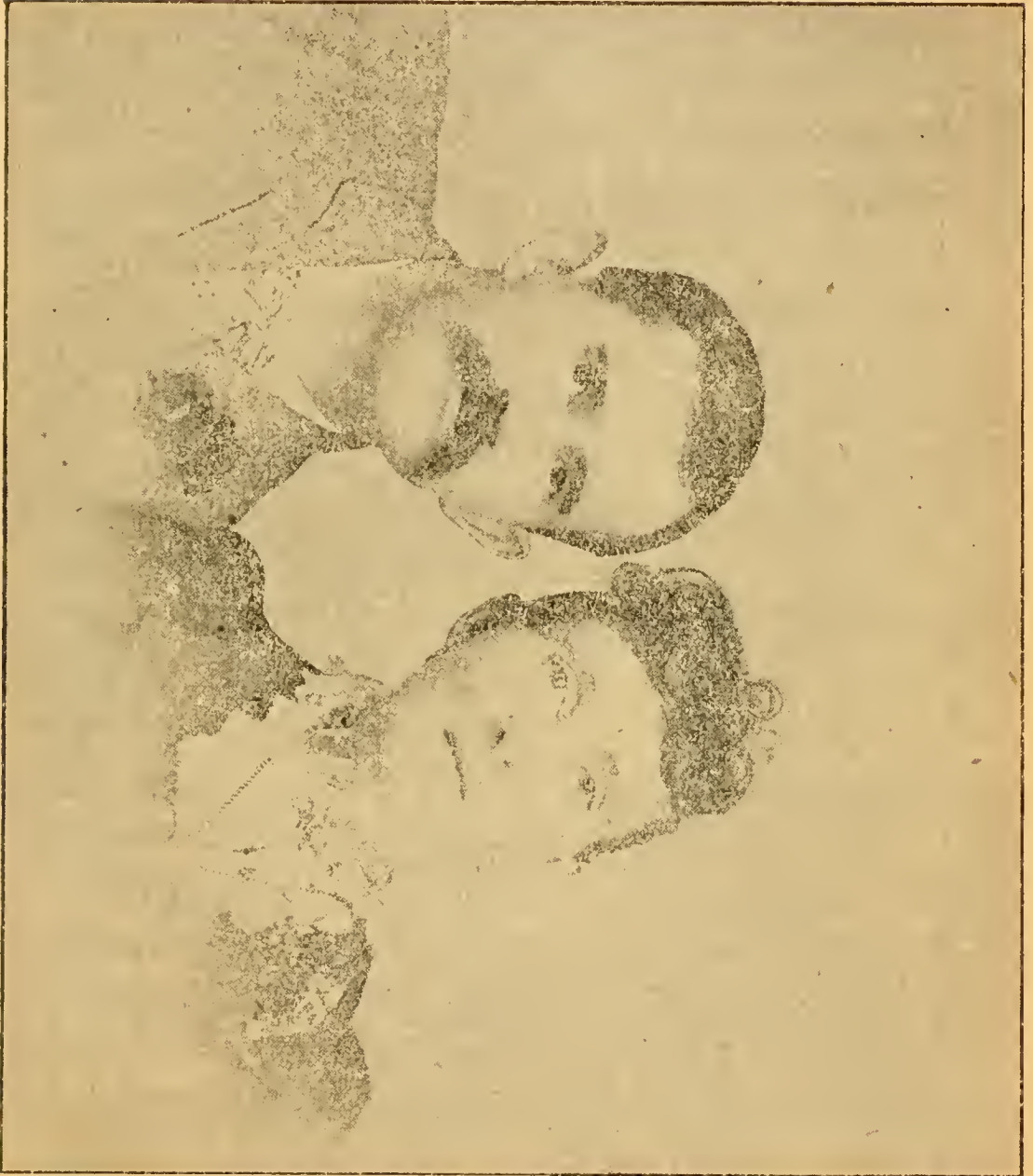
DR. SOLOMON D. PRESTON was born October 10, 1853, in Logan county, Kentucky, where his childhood and youth were spent. He was educated at the Vanderbilt University where he studied medicine, but was taken down with typhoid fever when he lacked just one term of graduating. In 1880 he left his native state and went to Kansas, and two years later came to this county. He practiced medicine for a few years, but much of his time he operated a drug store at which business he was very proficient.

Mr. Preston was raised a Republican, but for many years affiliated with the Democratic party. In 1892 he again identified himself with the Republican party, and warmly supported its principles to the time of his death. He has been engaged in the newspaper work at various times in this county, and his papers were always noted for the ability and purity of the reading matter. In the spring of 1897 he was taken down with typhoid fever, from which he died on the 5th day of May. He had a host of friends wherever known, and was the idol of his family to whom he had ever been a kind husband and father. He was a member of the Baptist

church, the I. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W. and Woodmen of the World. In each of the last two orders he carried a life insurance of \$2,000, also \$2,000 in the Bay State Insurance Company of Mass.

MRS. FANNIE PRESTON, widow of the late S. D. Preston, was born on Pea Ridge, Arkansas, March 26, 1866. She is a daughter of Dr. W. C. Duval of Pineville, by his former wife, Mary Jane (Boyer). She was brought up from a little child in Pineville, where she attended the public schools, and early in life united with the M. E. Church, south. September 5, 1883, she and Dr. Preston were united in marriage. They have lived at Pineville, Indian Springs and Southwest City in this county, and some eighteen months in the Cherokee Nation. To them were born seven children, six of whom—Edith, Susie, Joel Claiborn, Ruby, Lena, Cecil Rollo—are living. Leo, the youngest child, died June 3, 1897, from the same malady that had taken off his father but a few weeks before.

Mrs. Preston now lives in a comfortable home in Southwest City with ample means which the foresight and benevolence of her kind companion provided. Their engraving appears on the next page.



## J. A. DOTY.

JOSEPH A. DOTY was born in McDonough county, Illinois, January 10, 1864. His parents moved to Johnson county, Missouri, when he was two years old, but owing to the unsettled condition and lawlessness that existed there after the close of the war, the Doty family moved to Clark county, Iowa. Here young Doty worked on his father's farm and attended school, having to walk a mile and a half to reach the school house. In 1877 his parents removed to Osborne county, Kansas, where Joseph grew to manhood, and in the year of 1883 was wedded to Miss Laura A. Beck.

In the fall of 1887 he landed in Southwest City, Missouri, a stranger in a strange land. He soon made acquaintances and friends and determined to cast his lot with the people of McDonald county and make Southwest City a permanent home. Just after the election in the fall of 1888 Mr. Doty conceived the idea of establishing a Republican paper in the county and set about to secure a plant. The latter part of December, 1888, a small printing outfit was purchased, and on January 10, 1889, the first issue of the Enterprise was printed. This was the first Republican paper published in the county and, as the party was unorganized, it was predicted by many that the paper would soon suspend as it would not be able to secure the proper support to make it a success. It certainly did look like a rash venture, right in Democracy's stronghold, but under the guiding hand of Mr. Doty the Enterprise continued to grow, and to day is one of the leading papers in Southwest Missouri. The success of the paper is due to his able management. He has ever been a faithful exponent of Republican principles, at the same time avoiding offensive matter, so that persons of all parties took pleasure in reading his paper.

Mr. Doty has twice been elected Mayor of Southwest City, and holds that position at the present time. In 1894 he was prominently mentioned for State Senator from the 15th district of Missouri.





# Vote of McDonald County by Townships.

TOWNSHIPS.

FOR GOVERNOR.

	1872.	1876.	1880.	1884.	1888	1892	1896
	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.
ANDERSON							125 81
BUFFALO		56 27	80 18	81 63	89 50	80 49	105 48
CENTER	27 21	57 16	40 11	57 34	75 58	69 63	88 39
CYCLONE							61 40
ELK RIVER		55 1	34	51 27	46 19	68 36	98 60
ELK HORN		87 49	88 3	105 102	119 100	128 101	166 128
ERIE	27 46	41 88	35 10	73 127	68 89	64 114	112 77
MCMILLIN		44 46	60 60	103 88	138 100	110 81	137 89
MOUNTAIN	28	44 2	36	59	60 11	49 3	70 5
PRAIRIE		101 24	107 25	144 65	138 107	141 114	222 107
PINEVILLE	78 73	133 83	115 60	145 125	139 155	137 174	191 179
RICHWOOD		81 30	62 12	100 50	98 57	104 54	126 81
WHITE ROCK		42 32	48 11	88 42	84 64	83 66	91 72

# Vote of McDonald County by Townships.

RELATIVES.	FOR CIRCUIT CLERK.											
	1874.		1878.		1882.		1886.		1890,		1894.	
	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. I.	D. I.	D. I.	D. R.	D. R.	
ANDERSON	59	33	57	30	67	31	88	53	119	52	53	50
BUFFALO	42	13	46	33	42	40	91	6	73	51	65	67
CENTER												
CYCLONE												
ELK RIVER	50	13	26	33	35	23	37	35	80	56	70	47
ELK HORN	54	28	75	61	143	43	173	2	111	111	106	113
ERIE	20	57	17	110	75	106	143	35	81	105	52	94
MCMILLIN			44	70	81	66	98	88	135	98	78	100
MOUNTAIN	33		29	7	48	2	57	3	45	26	47	6
PRAIRIE	70	19	97	37	87	67	116	82	143	104	113	141
PINEVILLE	56	96	129	81	85	146	213	24	126	217	129	209
RICHWOOD	26	43	54	80	97	19	99	26	104	43	73	79
WHITE ROCK	32	22	51	35	57	41	107	8	51	81	54	51

## TOWNSHIPS.

# Vote of McDonald County by Townships.

TOWNSHIPS.

FOR COUNTY CLERK.

	1874.		1878.		1882.		1886.		1890,		1894.	
	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. I.	D. I.	D. I.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.
ANDERSON	59	33	57	30	74	28	74	62	129	54	29	46
BUFFALO	42	13	46	33	44	36	77	44	68	58	63	69
CENTER												
CYCLONE												
ELK RIVER	50	13	26	33	27	36	33	46	62	77	62	48
ELK HORN	54	28	75	61	118	67	27	162	109	115	106	116
ERIE	20	57	17	110	52	124	33	149	50	157	28	113
MCMILLIN			44	70	83	69	96	93	132	106	74	94
MOUNTAIN	33		29	7	34	13	47	14	43	32	44	9
PRAIRIE	70	19	97	37	101	53	108	92	145	106	152	94
PINEVILLE	56	96	129	81	88	141	141	147	123	219	86	211
RICHWOOD	26	43	54	80	90	23	93	26	98	47	77	84
WHITE ROCK	32	22	51	35	33	53	58	58	49	84	51	53



# Vote of McDonald County by Townships.

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# Vote of McDonald County by Townships.

TOWNSHIPS.

## FOR PRESIDING JUDGE.

IPs.	1872.	1874.	1878.	1882.	1884.	1886.	1890.	1894.							
	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.							
ANDERSON															
BUFFALO		81	1	68	22	100	78	42	66	66	86	98	60	52	
CENTER	25	14	42	13	42	36	69	50	6	60	51	77	46	76	60
CYCLONE															
ELK RIVER		54	9	28	33	43		47	14	22	51	92	46	72	45
ELK HORN		69	16	71	70	180		100	6	114	56	140	81	115	109
ERIE	8	57	13	12	120	142		64	102	74	105	93	115	52	95
McMILLIN				60	54	129		99	48	85	93	141	99	86	97
MOUNTAIN	33	33		34	5	50		49	3	49	14	65	10	48	6
PRAIRIE		79	8	101	31	151		142	36	111	85	142	106	130	120
PINEVILLE	42	63		78	68	125	77	115	81	111	186	153	190	125	214
RICHWOOD		64	5	53	80	112		82	25	92	40	102	44	95	75
WHITE ROCK		46	12	51	38	78		68	6	75	39	67	65	45	60

# Vote of McDonald County by Townships.

## FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

	1872.		1874.		1876.		1878.		1880.		1882.		1884.		1886.	
	D. R.		D. R.		D. R.		D. R.		D. R.		D. R.		D. R.		D. R.	
27	22	75	12	48	21	57	27	78	48	73	36	73	63	78	65	
		42	13	50	22	40	37	39	32	40	45	61	30	49	67	
54	46	59	4	32	23	30	31	31	37	33	25	48	38	39	39	
		67	16	79	52	62	70	90	89	111	83	111	96	82	107	
		46	18	29	99	24	104	24	110	50	141	72	125	46	137	
				28	56	50	59	72	62	78	67	106	82	80	107	
33		33		42		28	7	36	10	39	16	51	10	46	15	
		83	6	59	60	86	30	102	39	92	65	139	67	88	109	
68	79	80	86	56	160	135	75	104	124	103	115	142	134	109	189	
		45	12	67	41	64	80	54	63	91	31	96	56	90	46	
		44	13	25	45	48	35	47	39	52	42	69	44	81	45	

TOWNSHIPS.

ANDERSON  
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 ERIE  
 MCMILLIN  
 MOUNTAIN  
 PRAIRIE  
 PINEVILLE  
 RICHWOOD  
 WHITE ROCK

# Vote of McDonald County by Townships.

TOWNSHIPS.

## FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

	1888.		1890.		1892.		1894.		1896	
	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.
ANDERSON									140	81
BUFFALO	89	50	100	83	79	46	57	50	111	48
CENTER	72	58	79	49	62	66	63	65	90	40
CYCLONE									64	39
ELK RIVER	47	16	106	30	64	33	65	43	103	60
ELK HORN	128	92	141	86	124	105	101	113	153	129
ERIE	70	81	72	142	54	133	57	85	120	82
MCMILLIN	138	92	140	104	112	80	75	91	143	90
MOUNTAIN	58	11	67	8	43	3	45	6	85	5
PRAIRIE	136	110	148	102	126	127	124	116	221	111
PINEVILLE	143	144	172	170	120	187	110	202	190	184
RICHWOOD	87	38	104	42	99	60	85	69	125	83
WHITE ROCK	88	60	68	63	83	62	55	52	89	72



# Vote of McDonald County by Townships.

SHIPS.	FOR SHERIFF.													
	1872.		1874.		1876.		1878.		1880.		1882.		1884.	
	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.
ANDERSON														
BUFFALO		76	13	32	28	53	35	82	40	63	44	81	60	
CENTER	26	23	44	11	51	19	42	36	36	38	47	42	52	
CYCLONE														
ELK RIVER		44	18	34	18	24	38	33	33	23	33	35	44	
ELK HORN		71	13	69	59	63	76	93	85	115	79	89	121	
ERIE	20	55	20	46	33	97	5	124	21	115	45	143	74	127
MCMILLIN					32	52	52	61	56	79	60	95	83	110
MOUNTAIN	33		33		43		32	6	36	10	35	16	49	13
PRAIRIE			86	3	62	52	87	40	101	46	41	111	100	105
PINEVILLE	43	105	91	61	71	125	116	86	107	125	93	132	119	164
RICHWOOD			59	6	75	34	52	81	58	72	81	36	95	52
WHITE ROCK			44	12	30	37	52	37	35	46	44	45	77	53

TOWNSHIPS.



# Vote of McDonald County by Townships.

SHIPS.	FOR COLLECTOR.													
	1872.		1874.		1876.		1878.		1880.		1882.		1884.	
	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.
ANDERSON														
BUFFALO		76	13	32	28	53	35	82	40	63	44	81	60	
CENTER	26	23	44	11	51	19	42	36	36	38	47	42	52	
CYCLONE														
ELK RIVER		44	18	34	18	24	38	33	33	23	33	35	44	
ELK HORN		71	13	69	59	63	76	93	85	115	79	89	121	
ERIE	20	55	20	46	33	97	5	124	21	115	45	143	74	127
McMILLIN				32	52	52	61	56	79	60	95	83	110	
MOUNTAIN	33		33	43		32	6	36	10	35	16	49	13	
PRAIRIE		86	3	62	52	87	40	101	46	41	111	100	105	
PINEVILLE	43	105	91	61	71	125	116	86	107	125	93	132	119	164
RICHWOOD		59	6	75	34	52	81	58	72	81	36	95	52	
WHITE ROCK		44	12	30	37	52	37	35	46	44	45	77	53	







# Vote of McDonald County by Townships.

TOWNSHIPS.

## FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

	1886.		1888.		1890.		1892.		1894.		1896.	
	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.
ANDERSON	97	45	101	72	107	60	81		62	58	98	54
BUFFALO	74	41	73	59	78	45	71		68	77	93	35
CENTER											61	42
CYCLONE												
ELK RIVER	50	29	46	44	99	39	75		64	66	109	57
ELK HORN	105	89	117	119	138	83	130		114	119	155	129
ERIE	73	109	83	91	75	123	66		53	100	131	70
McMILLIN	108	79	144	115	141	90	117		97	113	119	109
MOUNTAIN	51	12	54	16	56	16	52		44	8	84	5
PRAIRIE	107	79	133	110	149	92	160		100	173	202	124
PINEVILLE	179	111	132	179	146	189	149		121	239	195	172
RICHWOOD	104	31	94	65	120	23	104		91	78	115	85
WHITE ROCK	83	36	71	71	63	68	89		54	58	86	72

# Vote of McDonald County by Townships.

	FOR TREASURER.							
	1872.	1874.	1876.	1878.	1880.	1882.	1884.	
	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	
ANDERSON								
BUFFALO		86	1	54	66	22	104	79
CENTER	27	17	44	14	68	45	33	58
CYCLONE								38
ELK RIVER		51	11	54	30	31	43	51
ELK HORN		64	16	108	70	69	154	109
ERIE	33	36	53	23	107	16	113	78
McMILLIN					58	52	53	122
MOUNTAIN	33		33		42	34	5	51
PRAIRIE			80	5	110	189	23	143
PINEVILLE	97	53	78	69	190	143	72	153
RICHWOOD			52	10	94	55	78	101
WHITE ROCK			49	5	63	51	35	70
								59

TOWNSHIPS.

# Vote of McDonald County by Townships.

TOWNSHIPS.

## FOR TREASURER.

	1886.		1888.		1890.		1892.		1894.		1896.	
	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.
ANDERSON											139	83
BUFFALO	140	89	56	110	68	80	46	58	50	111	48	
CENTER	108	75	57	75	50	69	63	67	65	89	41	
CYCLONE										63	41	
ELK RIVER	78	45	15	95	41	71	33	62	60	106	56	
ELK HORN	194	119	100	133	80	129	100	117	110	168	129	
ERIE	176	73	71	87	118	67	109	52	96	125	77	
MCMILLIN	186	145	93	140	22	111	77	86	97	146	93	
MOUNTAIN	61	59	11	64	11	49	3	48	6	84	5	
PRAIRIE	195	140	107	148	103	142	113	128	122	219	112	
PINEVILLE	256	152	126	164	176	149	157	119	231	189	186	
RICHWOOD	132	100	53	102	43	104	54	96	73	128	82	
WHITE ROCK	107	86	62	63	68	84	63	58	50	89	73	







# Vote of McDonald County by Townships.

## TOWNSHIPS.

	FOR JUDGE EAST. DIST.							
	1878.		1880.		1882.		1884.	
	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.	D. R.
CENTER	50	28	38	30	37	47	91	
CYCLONE								
ELK HORN	71	69	92	73	125	67	209	
ERIE	16	111	100	1	46	131	189	
MOUNTAIN	32	7	11	4	35	16	59	
RICHWOOD	55	71	57	51	85	41	150	
WHITE ROCK	51	36	19	22	52	37	93	
	JUDGE WEST. DIST.							
ANDERSON								
BUFFALO	62	25	81	34	69	42	80	54
ELK RIVER	27	31	34	33	29	27	51	27
McMILLIN	51	51	59	71	71	76	97	85
PRAIRIE	101	31	109	35	60	91	113	95
PINEVILLE	104	72	106	121	105	121	143	130

# Vote of McDonald County by Townships.

TOWNSHIPS.

FOR JUDGE EAST. DIST.

1886. 1888. 1890. 1892. 1894. 1896.

D. R. D. R. D. R. D. R. D. R. D. R.

CENTER	59	54	74	54	67	57	68	64	70	67	91	37
CYCLONE											63	41
ELK HORN	125	30	114	72	133	99	91	128	114	113	169	126
ERIE	89	92	70	87	79	129	77	105	39	121	93	103
MOUNTAIN	54	7	57	12	56	17	49	3	49	6	85	5
RICHWOOD	90	44	87	30	98	47	102	57	86	70	131	79
WHITE ROCK	60	40	80	62	63	70	85	63	60	50	90	72
				JUDGE WEST. DIST.								
ANDERSON											125	94
BUFFALO	91	51	87	79	124	57	79	50	41	54	110	49
ELK RIVER	41	35	46	47	95	19	68	32	69	50	104	59
McMILLIN	87	100	140	126	130	91	114	70	69	112	129	404
PRAIRIE	107	92	113	101	138	112	140	113	130	121	250	113
PINEVILLE	126	173	422	179	153	188	134	164	114	231	198	173



## EXPLANATION.

IN the foregoing tables the vote is marked Democratic and Republican, only, as those two were the leading parties in this county. Those designated in the Republican column include all opponents of the regular Democratic nominees, and were sometimes Green Back, Union Labor, Independent Democrats or Populists. The Greenback party, when at its hight, polled about 300 votes. It was followed by the Union Labor party, which in turn gave way to the Populist. Some years they nominated a county ticket, while in other campaigns they supported nominees on the other tickets as they chose. Their strength reached about 330 votes. The Republicans some years put out part of a ticket, and openly, or tacitly endorsed other candidates who opposed the Democrats.

By comparing the following list of nominees with the tables, the vote of each one by townships may be ascertained. The successful candidate is first mentioned, and the politics designated.

## LIST OF NOMINEES.

## REPRESENTATIVE.

1872  
W. C. Price, D  
R. W. Williams, R

1874  
W. C. Price, D  
John Harmon, R

1876  
J. J. Brown, I  
W. C. Price, D

1878  
A. W. Chenoweth, D  
W. E. Bookout, R

1880  
A. J. Phillips, D  
Dan Harmon, R

1882  
T. F. Ford, D  
G. R. McMahan, G.

1884  
Thos. Collins, D  
Dan Harmon, R

1886  
J. J. McNatt, U L  
J. H. Wood, D

1888  
M. C. Christian, D  
S. G. Sutter R

1890  
J. F. Kenney, D  
L. W. Smith, R

1892  
R. J. Balch, D  
J. C. Seabourn, R

1894  
F. M. Best, R  
W. M. Phillips, D

1896  
J. F. Tandy, D  
F. M. Best, R.

## CIR. and CO. CLERK.

1874  
A. M. Dillin, D  
J. S. Wilson, R.

1878  
A. M. Dillin, D  
J. S. Wilson, R

## CIR. CLERK.

1882  
H. A. F. Cloud, D  
J. J. Brown, I

1886  
H. A. F. Cloud, D  
C. W. Gable, R

1890  
J. W. Shields, D  
H. A. F. Cloud, I

1894  
S. G. Sutter, R  
J. W. Shields, D

## CO. CLERK.

1882

M. R. DeGroff, D  
R. L. Hargrove, R

1886

J. P. Caldwell, I  
M. R. DeGroff, D

1890

J. P. Caldwell, I  
J. S. Davis, D

1894

Zach Baker, R  
W. W. Bacon, D

## PROBATE JUDGE.

1872

J. H. Wimpey, R  
C. P. Bullock, D

1874

W. S. Street, D  
John Wilson, D

1878

I. N. Shambaugh, D  
J. W. Legg, R

1882

I. N. Shambaugh, D

1884

W. E. Smith, D  
J. L. Elliff, R

1886

W. E. Smith, D  
R. C. Farmer, I

1890

W. E. Smith, D  
G. W. Coombes, R

1894

J. M. Elliott, P  
W. E. Smith, D

## PRESIDING JUDGE.

Same as Probate Judge to 1884.

1884

H. B. Landers, D  
J. H. Wimpey, R

1886

J. A. Sturges, D.  
J. H. Wimpey, R

JUDGE, E. D.

1890

J. M. Boyd, D  
J. H. Wimpey, R

1894

J. T. Horner, R  
J. R. Patterson, D.

JUDGE, W. D.

1878

G. R. McMahan, G  
H. J. Laughlin, D

J. D. Heron, D  
A. C. Mosier, R

	1880	
G. R. McMahan, G		J. D. Heron, D
M. D. L. McCall, R		C. L. Moore, R
	1882	
Holly Hinton, D		A. B. Shields, I
R. W. Williams, R		J. D. Heron, D
	1884	
Holly Hinton, D		J. D. Heron, D
		A. B. Shields, I
	1886	
H. J. Laughlin, D		J. W. Nutting, D
H. G. Fox, R		A. D. Anderson, R
	1888	
H. J. Laughlin, D		J. W. Nutting, D
John Lawson, R		J. H. Wimpey, R
	1890	
J. R. Patterson, D		J. W. Cunningham, D
H. G. Fox, R		Alf Oyler, R
	1892	
C. J. Marrs, D		J. W. Cunningham, D
D. McDonald, D		R. Vermillion, R
	1894	
W. J. Adkins, R		Patrus Testerman, R
M. L. Marrs, D		J. H. Young, D
	1896	
W. Newman, D		Geo. Mitchell, D
J. W. Adkins, R		Patrus Testerman, R

## SHERIFF &amp; COLLECTOR.

1872	1882
C. L. Fields, D	J. C. Seabourn, R
J. H. Moffett, R	J. F. Kenney, D
1874	1884
C. L. Fields, D	J. C. Seabourn, R
C. W. Noel, I	J. A. Ford, D



1876

J. C. Montgomery, D  
J. H. Moffett, R

1878

E. M. Jarrett, G  
M. R. DeGroff, D

1880

E. M. Jarrett, G  
J. F. Kenney, D

SHERIFF.

1892

Geo. Woolard, D  
Wm. Slinkard, R

1894

J. C. Kelley, R  
D. A. Johnson, D

1896

R. Jarrett, D  
A. Elston, R

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

1872

Jas. L. Smythe, L R  
J. B. Ruff, D

1874

J. L. Barr, D  
J. C. Lamson, R

1876

Z. T. Murphy, D  
G. W. Randolph, R

1878

J. C. Lamson, R  
J. A. Wilson, D

1886

J. A. Ford, D  
E. M. Jarrett, G

1888

J. A. Ford, D  
J. H. Moffett, R

1890

W. W. Bacon, D  
J. Benedict, R

COLLECTOR.

J. T. Williams, D  
H. C. Prater, R

H. C. Prater, R  
J. T. Williams, D

J. W. Hubbard, D  
H. C. Prater, R

1886

H. C. Pepper, D  
J. L. Barr, I

1888

H. C. Pepper, D  
J. C. Lamson, R

1890

Hugh Dabbs, D  
J. L. Barr, I

1892

Hugh Dabbs, D

1880

J. W. Brunk, D  
J. C. Lamson, R

1882

J. C. Cole, D  
J. C. Lamson, R

1884

J. C. Cole, D  
J. C. Lamson, R

1894

J. D. Edge, R  
A. V. Manning, D

1896

Geo. R. Clay, D  
J. A. Sturges, R

## TREASURER.

1872

J. P. LaMance, D  
J. C. Lamson, R

1874

J. C. Baber, D  
J. P. LaMance, D

1878

J. C. Baber, D  
John Wilson, D

1884

A. C. Walters, D  
E. W. Edwards, R

1888

J. C. Baber, D  
D. M. Harmon, R

In 1876, 1880, 1882 and 1886 J. C. Baber had no opponent.

1890

M. N. LaMance, D  
A. C. Walters, I

1892

M. N. LaMance, D  
J. H. Moffett, R

1894

J. C. Farmer, R  
Geo. Woolard, D

1896

M. N. LaMance, D  
W. A. Walters, R

## ASSESSOR.

1872

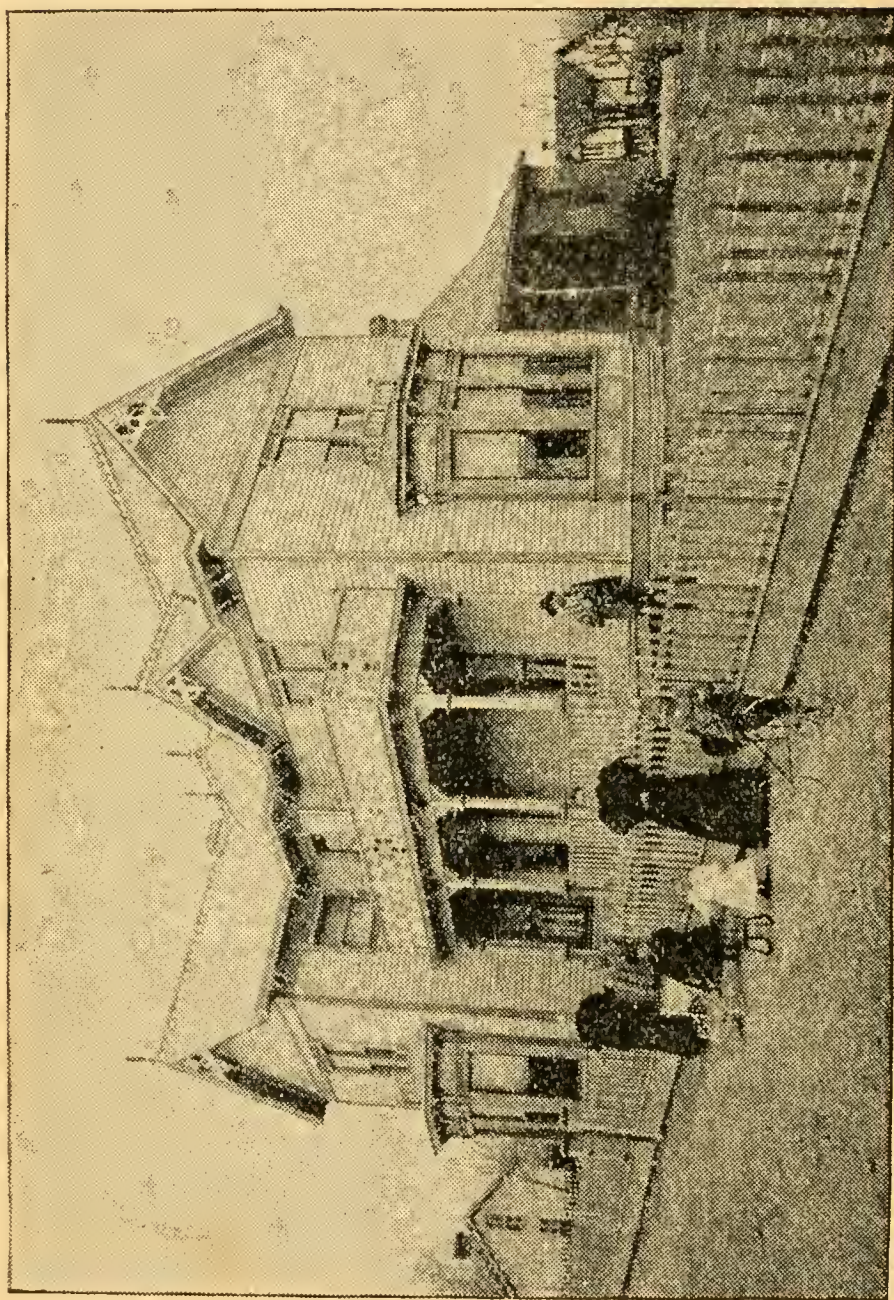
J. H. Chapman, D  
R. L. Ferguson, R

1874-6

J. H. Chapman, D







Residence of J. W. Shields, Pineville, Mo.



1878

J. J. Clanton, D  
A. Adams, R

1880

H. A. F. Cloud, D  
J. R. Brown, G

1882

J. H. Chapman, D  
B. F. Northcut, R

1884

J. H. Chapman, D

1886

Zach Baker, I  
R. W. Patterson, D

1888

J. P. Madden, D  
C. B. Berry, R

1890

J. P. Madden, D  
Zach Baker, I

1892

W. H. Noel, D  
Zach Baker, R

1894

W. H. Noel, D  
W. Hankins, R

1896

M. L. Marrs, D  
C. H. McGuire, R

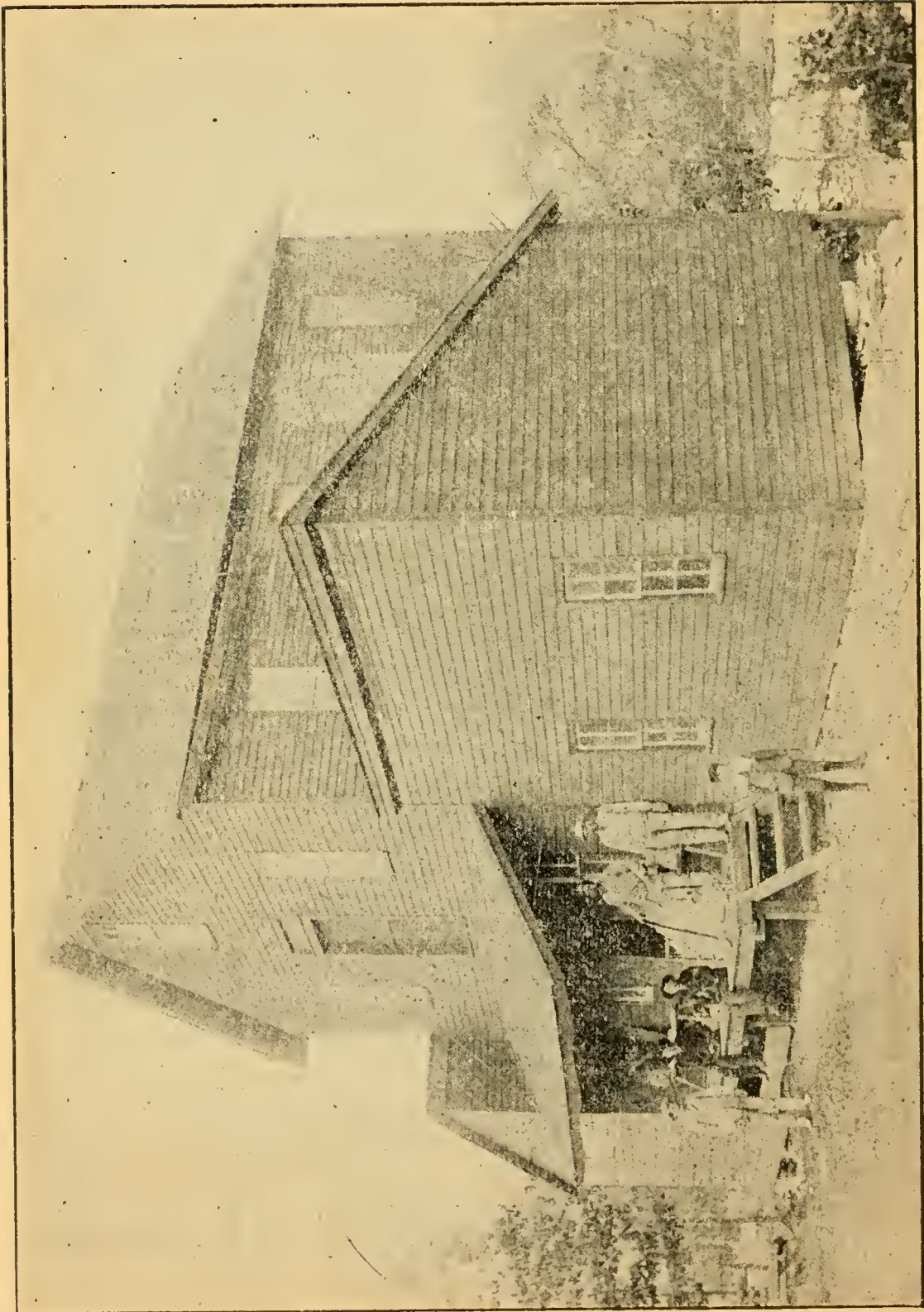
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### POPULATION OF McDONALD COUNTY.

1860,	3,957;	1870,	5,189;
1880,	7,816;	1890,	11,283.

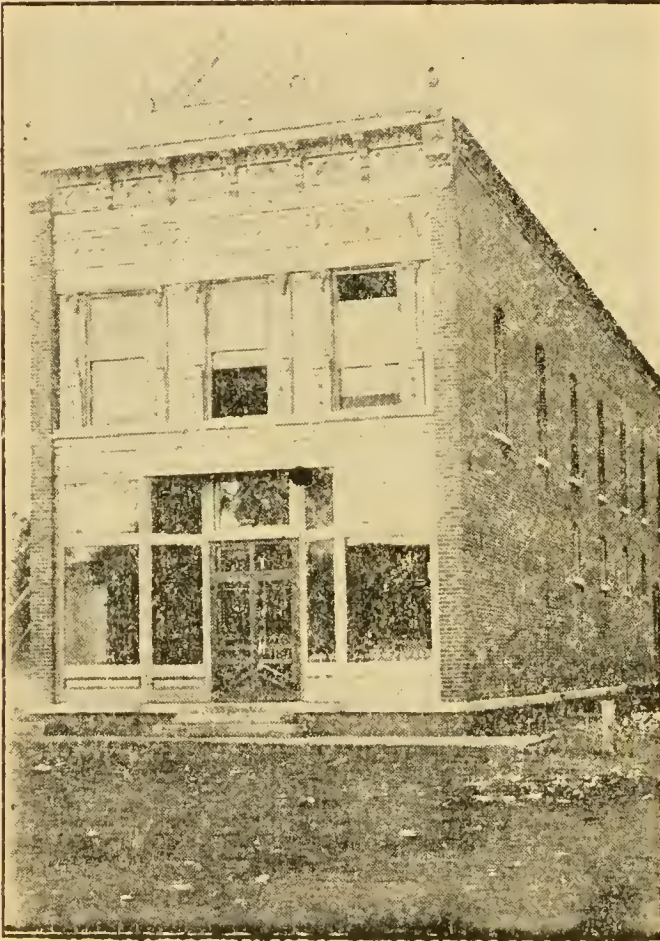
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